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For Independent Labour Political Action

VOTE CCF

On June 4th in Ontario and on June 11th nationally the workers and farmers will vote to decide which of three parties, Liberals, Progressive-Conservatives or Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, will administer the Province of Ontario, and the Canadian state for the next five years. Labour Challenge wil give critical support to all CCF candidates and urges the workers to elect a CCF Government.

No one can escape participation in this important decision, whether they vote or not. The worker who rejects political action because "politicians are crooks" is fooling himself. He has not avoided politics. He has simply given up his rights to the enemies of labour without putting up a fight. A very significant political act.

The two old parties, the Liberal and Progressive-Conservatives represent the interests of the monopolists. They are referred to as the old parties because they have been in existence for about 100 years. In the first stages of their life they actually represented two distinct sections of the Canadian capitalist class. One section, the manufacturers who desired protective tariffs allied themselves with the large landowners and the English interests in Canada. They backed the Conservative or Tory party whose policy became high tariffs for United States and foreign goods and preferential treatment for English imports. The Liberals were the low tariff party. Those groups who looked towards the United States and were interested in commercial and trading enterprise, along with the frontier elements were its chief supporters. Today these distinctions no longer play the role they once did. A microscopic examination of the real policy of both parties would reveal no fundamental difference. Except for slight differences in their election promises which they don't expect to keep anyway, they are alike as two peas in a pod. Both the Liberals and the Progressive-Conservatives are pliant tools of the big shot bankers and industrialists.

Although the economic situation which gave rise to these two parties has long since passed away and there is now no basic difference between them, their existance as separate organizations serves a purpose. This purpose is to create the illusion of a choice for the masses at election time. This is the reason why the capitalists contribute large sums to the campaign funds of both the Liberal and Tory parties.

Nearly 100 years ago Karl Marx advised the workers to take the road of independent political action in an address to the Communist League in 1850, Marx said: . . . "Even in constituencies where there is no prospects of our candidates being elected, the workers must nevertheless put up candidates in order to maintain their independence, to steel their forces and to bring their revolutionary attitude and party views before the public. They must not allow themselves to be diverted from this work by the stock argument that to split the vote of the democrats assists the reactionary parties. All such talk is calculated to cheat the proletariat. The advance which the proletarian party will make through its independent political attitude is infinitely more important than the disadvantage of having a few more reactionaries in the national assembly."

What Marx said almost 100 years ago is even more true today, in this period of the death agony of capitalism. Now there is a chance not only of putting up a few workers' candidates in the constituencies, but of actually electing a large number of them and perhaps a labour government.

Far-sighted militants see that the unions are today blocked on every side by the acts of a government in the service of the bosses. They know that the best labour legislation in the world is of no use when administered by boss politicians. A great interest in political action is sweeping through the unions. But the kind of political action that interests the workers is independent political action. The kind which will lead to increasing the representation of the workers in parliament. This can only be accomplished through support of labour candidates who are truly independent of the boss parties.

This has been clearly indicated in the elections of the last few years. The hundreds of thousands

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Statement of PURPOSE AND POLICY

Labour Challenge is a monthly paper published for the purpose of bringing the truth about labours struggle for a socialist world to the working people of Canada. We feel that the appearance of Labour Challenge fills a long felt need. For too long now the workers of Canada have been without a paper interpreting national and international events in the light of Marxism. Never before in the history of the Canadian workers have political ideas played such a big role as they do today. Elements never before touched by them are now moving forward to occupy the centre of the stage. Let us briefly survey the situation of the workers' movement at home and abroad.

The workers' organizations of Europe, crushed for years under the heel of fascist reaction, a product of the decay of capitalism throughout the world, are now beginning to lift their heads. In France, Italy, Belgium, Greece, etc., the workers are leading the struggles of the masses against the capitalist system, which can offer them only increasing misery, dictatorial puppet governments and war, towards the socialist solution. In this fight they are learning again, but at a faster tempo, the treachery of the social-democratic and Stalinist leadership and policies.

In Canada the flower of the working class, our youth, are in the armed forces. They are fighting and dying in a war endorsed by the leaders of the labour movement as a war for freedom against fascism, and at various times by spokesmen of big business as a war to perserve free enterprise.

Meanwhile their fathers and mothers, their brothers and sisters at home are toiling long hours at frozen wages, while the cost-plus patriots wax rich. Sixty-five per cent of all workers earn less than $950, according to official figures. The cost of living continues to rise to the knowledge of everyone, but the government labour department. The workers are frozen in their jobs, but firms like General Motors turn down war contracts to convert to even more profitable peace-time production. In this "war against fascist regimentation" the working people are regimented by National Selective Service which reactionary big interests are fighting to keep enforced after the war. In every industrial area housing conditions, never good, have deteriorated to the point of danger, while thousands of families face eviction with nowhere to turn.

The main financial burden of the sky-rocketing national debt falls on the shoulders of those least able to pay in the form of hidden taxes and burdensome income tax. In contrast the profits of the gigantic corporations are rising to unheard of levels. Even the excess profits taxes of industry are partly refundable after the war for the purpose of aiding the new millionnaires over the reconversion period. For the workers there will be a few weeks of miserable unemploy-

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MITCH POSES AS FRIEND OF LABOUR

We have to admit that Mitchell F. Hepburn is a great showman. Not the least among the talents of this servant of Canadian capitalism is his ability as a quick change artist. The latest role of the ex-premier of the Province of Ontario is that of the Friend of Labour.

Mitchell Hepburn is once again leader of the Ontario Liberals, after campaigning for the Tories in

"MITCH" HEPBURN

the by-elections of 1942. During that campaign, speaking on the same platform as George Drew, Ontario Tory chief, "Mitch" said, "If any labour men say that the CIO is a friend of labor, I say that their chief purpose is to get money out of their pockets. I cite the case of the Kirkland Lake strike." Globe and Mail, Feb. 5, 1942.

"Mitch" was present at the Windsor-Sandwich Liberal convention April 23, 1945, which endorsed A. J. Reaume, mayor of Windsor, as official Liberal candidate. This same Reaume ran as a Progressive-Conservative in 1943. Reaume has also been endorsed by the Stalinist dominated Windsor locals of the United Automobile Workers CIO, and the Stalinist Labour-Progressive Party. "Mitch" gave his blessing to Reaume and the other LPP stooges, Burt and Parent. When questioned on his attitude to the CIO he said he was not opposed to it as an organization.

"But" he said "I was opposed to the Oshawa General Motors strike as follows: "Premier Hepburn promises full support to the company in fighting the strike. 'If necessary we'll raise an army to do so.'" And again in the same paper, speaking of the strike which gave birth to the UAW-CIO, "Mitch" said, "This is the first open attempt on the part of Lewis and his CIO to assume the position of dominating and dictating to Canadian industry. The government completely concurs in the attitude of the company that it is going to remain clear of the domination of the professional labour profiteers of the CIO, who are making an effort to exact their monthly toll from the pay envelopes of the Oshawa workers."

"Mitch" is the man who is going to aid the workers fight the cial police reserve for the purpose of breaking strikes. They called them Hepburn's Hussars. Mitch sent them to Kirkland Lake to smash the miners' strike. He also sent along a special prosecutor to slap the strikers in jail. He broke the strike and gave the miners a temporary setback, but he also broke the faith of the north country in the Liberal party for all time.

The friend of the Stalinists is also a great democrat, speaking of fascism, "Mitch" said, "These dictatorships at least found work for their people." Toronto Star, Nov. 14, 1938.

"Mitch" is a close friend of many of Canada's big shots, like J. P. Bickel and the New York promoter, "Sell 'em" Ben. Smith. Also a certain well-known naval contrac-

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nent insurance and then the relief.

With the memory of ten years of depression fresh in their minds the workers are haunted by the fear of post-war unemployment. They read the handwriting on the wall in every announcement of lay-offs in industry as government contract after contract is terminated. The great organizational gains of the workers, in building the unions, are under attack. The unions have been successful in organizing almost twice as many workers since 1939, today they stand almost 700,000 strong. The bosses will use every trick in the book in the fight to break the unions in the post-war period. For this purpose they have hired a staff of professionel strike-breakers headed by men like Gladstone Murray. Their program is restrictive labour legislation and a gigantic propafanda campaign to turn the ex-servicemen against their brothers who stayed at home. But if these methods fail as they undoubtedly will, they will not hesitate to prepare even harsher methods to beat down the living standards of the workers. But we confidentially predict that the workers will continue to flock into the industrial unions, and that workers now in uniform will be with them in the battles ahead.

As a result of their own bitter experience the workers are turning to independent political action, independent of the two old parties of the bosses. Large numbers have taken a great step forward in rejecting the tweedledum and tweedledee parties of big business the Conservatives and the Liberals. In elections and by-elections of the last few years it was the workers organized in the new industrial unions in the mass production industries who voted CCF and were the decisive element in most of the CCF victories at the polls. This trend of the workers and working farmers away from boss politics will continue until we shall see in Canada, as in other advanced capitalist contries, the development of the workers on one side and the unified forces of the bosses on the other.

In this movement of the workers to the left the Labour-Progressive Party plays the role of a brake. Falsely covering itself in the mantle of the Russian Revolution and the sympathy of the workers for the Soviet Union and the victories of the Red Army, it is peddling the poisonous lie that capitalism still has a progressive role to play in the development of society. Developing from a movement that once was a progressive force, it has wound up as the most reactionary tendency in the labour movement. The Social Credit Party like all radical middle-class parties in this epoch, after a period in office in Alberta, has ended up in the camp of finance capital. It will probably disappear from the national scene after June the 11th, but in Alberta it may hold its organization together long enough to furnish the prairie base for Canadian fascism.

During the war the workers instinctively desirious of a fundamental change in the system have been moving towards the CCF. But as the leftward swing of the workers becomes more pronounced the leadership approaching closer to parliamentary office is becoming more conservative. This move to the right was sharply evidenced at the last national convention. Even the loose reformist formulations of the Regina Manifesto on the nationalization of industry were thrown overboard to be replaced by nationalization of only the monoply industries. As if all businesses didn't naturally lead to monopoly. The accommodation of the parliamentary group, the real leadership of the party, to the conscription policy of the King government, was another sign of the trend of the leadership to the right. Future events will widen the gulf between the leaders and the rank and file. Sharp clashes will undoubtedly occur as a new leadership arises representing the socialist aspirations of the workers. This development will be given impetus by the struggles of the workers against worsening economic conditions. Labour Challenge will consider it to be its serious duty to aid in the theoretical and programmatic preparations of those in the CCF who feel that such a development is inevitable if a workers' Canada is to be achieved.

The advanced workers and union militants, disgusted with the openly reactionary and lickspittle policy of the Stalinist Labour-Progressive Party and critical of the opportunist tactics of the reformist top leadership of the CCF and the class collaboration policies of the union bureaucrats, will find in Labour Challenge a weapon for the regrouping of the left wing. Together we will educate ourselves in the principles of scientific socialism as developed by the great leaders of the labour movement Marx and Engels and their disciples. In our columns we will denounce and expose the manoeuvres and machinations of labour's enemies both open and hidden, including the renegades and traitors within the ranks of labour itself.

Labour Challenge will in its columns fight fearlessly to defend and extend the democratic rights bought at great cost by the militant struggles of labour in the past. Join us in fighting for:

1. For Freedom of Speech and Assembly, for a Free Press.
2. For full democratic rights for the French-Canadian minority.
3. Against any and all forms of racial prejudice and oppression.
4. For independent political action by the Unions, independent of the boss parties. For the affiliation of unions to the CCF with equal representation and full democratic rights.

For a CCF Government in Ottawa in the provinces and municipailties with the following program:

1. A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
2. Reduction of the hours of work with no reduction in pay to meet the threat of unemployment.
3. For the nationalization of industry under workers control.
4. For the confiscation of all war profits.
5. Full support to the struggle of the European masses for socialism.

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Let's Hear From You

Labour Challenge is your paper. We mean this not only in the sense that we desire to express in our columns the true interests of the workers and working farmers of Canada. We mean that the columns of Labour Challenge are open to you. We want workers in every section of the country to become Labour Challenge correspondents. Write us about the situation in your community, in your shop, in your union. Write and tell us about the news the capitalist press won't print. Let us hear in the columns of Labour Challenge the true voice of the Canadian workers who fight against the bosses. Every socialist worth his salt should become a worker correspondent.

We would like to publish full length articles from our friends and sympathizers. But for those who feel that a long article is still too difficult for them, we would appreciate a letter no matter how short. In our next issue of Labour Challenge we are going to open up a "Letters to the Editor" column. We urge you to write for this column about everything, absolutely everything, and write as much as possible about your day to day life, interests, and jobs. Without this material that you can send in, Labour Challenge won't be able to fulfill its functions as a socialist paper.

If for some reason you are unable to send in finished material, send in the bare facts and we will put them into article form. Even clippings from the capitalist or union press can be used in articles of a wide interest. So lets hear the news from the workers from coast to coast. Resolve today to become a worker or respondent, write to Labour Challenge.

THE MANAGER'S COLUMN

The publication of the first issue of Labour Challenge we feel is a great achievement. The workers who receive it, we think will agree with us on this score. The editor and the staff along with our contributors have set themselves to the task of making it Canada's most interesting and informative labour paper. Any suggestions from our readers on how to improve the paper are welcome. The task now is to assure the continuation of the paper and to give it the widest possible circulation.

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of workers who voted for the CCF in these elections have taken a great step forward. The progressive nature of this step is contained in splitting away from the capitalist parties. The workers and working farmers who cast their ballots for the CCF did so because they unconsciously desire a fundamental change in society. Thousands of workers have not only lost all faith in capitalist politicians, but in the ability of capitalism to continue to rule in the old manner. At this moment the Canadian workers have reached an all-time high in their organizational and political development.

In this favourable situation for labour, the Labour-Progressive Party is attempting to drag the workers back into the swamp of capitalist politics. They falsely claim that the Tories are the sole party of reaction and the Liberals are the party of the middle classes. Therefore, argues the LPP, labour must unite with the Liberal party. History has proven that the middle class follows either the capitalists or the workers and is unable to play any independent role. The decisive factor in winning their support for labour is the determination of the workers themselves to accomplish their historic mission. Compromise with the capitalist parties which cannot solve the crisis of the system, will drive the middle class into the camp of reaction.

Because the Labour Progressive Party today supports the capitalist system and the boss parties, it has earned the scorn and enmity of the advanced workers. It can look forward to a thorough and decisive defeat in the coming elections. The candidates of the LPP can in no sense be considered as workers' candidates in this election, but rather as capitalist candidates, masquerading under the labour banner.

This June the workers should give their support to only those candidates who stand unequivocally on the basis of independent labour politics. They should vote for only those who stand for election on a labour program and are opposed to any deals or compromises with the old capitalist parties. The only party fulfilling these conditions is the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

However in calling for support to the CCF we want to make it quite clear that we do not agree 100 per cent with programme and policy of CCF. The present program of the CCF is not a thorough going socialist program. It is narrow and nationalistic where it should be internationalist. Utopian and idealistic instead of scientific. The CCF has become almost purely an electioneering machine which rarely participates directly in the struggles of the workers between elections. The rapid growth of the CCF in the last few years has brought with it an influx of all kinds of careerists and opportunists who have little in common with socialism.

These are a few of the reasons why the support of Labour Challenge to the CCF is necessarily critical. We neither endorse the reformist program of the CCF nor the CCF candidates or their records personally. We support the CCF in the elections because we know that the victory of the CCF candidates will advance the interests of workers as another step forward on the road to independent political action and the building of a strong workers' party on Marxist foundations. Our criticism of the CCF program is made in a constructive way in order to aid the rank and file workers who support the CCF to advance step by step to the establishment of socialism.

The policy of Labour Challenge will be to urge support at all times for any working class party in opposition to the parties of the ruling class. Even when its policy may be far from a socialist one, support given to a working class tendency helps to crystallize the workers' consciousness of themselves as a class in opposition to the ruling class. At the same time we feel it our duty to point out and expose the mistakes and weaknesses of such an organization.

It is in this sense that we now give critical support to the CCF in the federal and provincial elections of this June. We urge all our readers and supporters to do likewise

The Menace of Coalition With Capitalist Parties

By PAUL KANE

The irresistable march of the industrial workers and working farmers of Canada towards independent political action is meeting with strong opposition. Naturally their desire for a political party expressing their own historic aims for a socialist Canada is attacked on every side by the capitalist monopolists. They wish to main their monopoly in the political field through the Liberal and Tory parties. The kept press attacks the CCF from every angle, sometimes "friendly" warning to the unions against putting all the eggs in one basket, at other times in sharp attacks claimir socialist political movements inevitably lead to fascism. B the most subtle and therefore the most treacherous and da gerous attack is that made by certain left Liberals and tl Labour-Progressive Party.

This attack against the workers is disguised as the coalition program.

The Labour-Progressive Party in their press, The Canadian Tribune, once more demands the unification of all men of good will to defeat the Tories and thus, "solve the problems of peace and go forward to greater expansion of our economy and higher standards of life." From 1935 to 1939 these same people then masking under the name, The Communist Party, in their paper, The Daily Clarion, pedalled the same message: that all peace-loving groups, all classes must unite in a broad movement to stop war and fascism. History records that these Peoples Fronts neither defeated fascism nor stopped war! This tragic policy came to an unhappy end with Stalin's pact with Hitler in August, 1939. Today the same policy of company-union politics, of class collaboration is called Coalition Government.

The CCF in its last national convention and in various provincial conventions has taken a much better position. "The CCF will contest the next election independently on its program, with the hope and intention of winning the support of a majority of the Canadian people. It is our firm conviction, based on the clear record of the past three decades, that so-called, "private enterprise" cannot provide full employment and security for all Canadians after this war. Under these circumstances coalition would be a betrayal of the Canadian people and of our principles. The rank and file of the COF movement has decided against such a betrayal and this is the policy which will be pursued." CPA—Mar. 3.

What promises has coalition government for the Canadian masses? The LPP and its Windsor stooges in the United Automobile Workers CIO claim that coalition is going to make capitalism work .Coalition is going to produce a million more jobs than in 1939, is going to raise the standard of living and solve all the problems of the peace. The CCF by not participating in this coalition with the King-Hepburn Liberals is supposedly undermining the possibilities of solving Canadian and world problems. The more sober and honest capitalist economists do not share this enthusiasm about Canadian economic perspectives. At the recent conference on civil re-establishment of veterans, the Globe and Mail of April 11th reported: "Estimates have been made by Federal Ministers, the conference was told, that there will be a surplus of 800,000 to 1,000,000 workers if Canada returns to a 1939 rate of production. These estimates take into consideration the return of most women workers to their homes and much larger armed forces than before the war." A recent authoritative survey showed that the 2,400 largest manufacturers in Canada intend to employ 11 per cet less workers after the war than they did in 1943, even assuming large export markets and drastic tax concessions to business.

How a coalition government of LPP, Liberals and the CCF would raise the standard of living, provide a million more jobs than in '39, etc., has not yet been outlined. What is the program of the proposed coalition? How is it going to make capitalism work? You will search in vain for it in the pages of the Tribune or the Pacific Advocate, for when all the verbiage is torn aside nothing remains. You will search in vain for the coalition has no program that these labour fakers dare to publish.

The program of all coalitions is the program of the boss parties in the coalition—in this case the Liberal Party. Since the perspective of any workers' party in a coalition with a boss party is directed towards the keeping of the coalition they must yield the leadership to the boss party. For any refusal by the workers' party to accept the program of capitalism means the capitalist party will break the coalition. The Liberal party is dedicated to the maintenance of private property, of this whole foul system of poverty, disease, depression and war.. This is the program of the Labour-Progressive Party's coalition.

It was always a step backward whenever workers' parties entered a coalition with the capitalist parties. Examples of this disastrous policy of coalition governments cauld be given which could easily fill several editions of Labour Challenge. I will briefly analyze a few of the more recent examples.

In Spain after the abdication of King Alfonso in 1931, the socialist party entered a coalition with the republican capitalist parties. The fundamental problems facing the Spanish people were the abolition of the political powers of the church, separation of church and state, the liberation of the oppressed peoples of Morocco, the democratization of th army, the breaking up of the large landed estates and their distribution to the poor peasants. It took only two years to expose the complete falsity of the coalition; in 1933 a right coalition took over the government. Why did the so-called left-wing coalition fail? Because it was incapable of solving even one of the problems of the Spanish masses. Distribute the land to the millions of small peasants? But that would destroy the credit and banking system which rested on land mortgages—it would have meant the destruction of Spanish capitalism. The capitalist republican parties could not permit this. Freedom for Morocco and autonomy for the Catalonions and Basques? But Spanish capitalisms' profits depended on the exploitation of Morocco and the national minorities. Destroy the political power of the church? But the church was the biggest capitalist in Spain.

In 1936 the peoples front formed a government under Azana and the policy of the coaltiion was as before the policy of the boss parties. After the electoral victory the masses began to take over the land and strive for control of the factories and railroads. The peoples front coalition government sent troops against the peasants to take back the land, censored the workers' press, and broke up workers' meetings. Meanwhile, Franco with support from Germany, Portugal, Italy and Great Britain prepared the counter revolution. Franco controlled Morocco. To grant Morocco independance would have struck him a terrible blow. But the coalition could not act against the capitalist interests. The army was riddled with Franco stooges. On July 17 Franco struck. The peoples front government, the anti-fascist front, attempted to come to terms with Franco. The workers took things into their own hands and formed the first resistance with their militias. The coalition was forced to change its policy and fight. But from the beginning it fought a losing battle. The peoples front government's policy was directed towards the destruction of the independent working class militias and factory committees, to prevent a solution of the problem of the Spanish masses. Why? Because its policy was to preserve capitalism. The true character of the coalition government was exposed in November, 1936, when representatives of the left republicans of Catalonia were caught secretly negotiating, in Paris, for a separate peace with Franco.

A similar story could be told of the peoples front government of France, a coalition of the socialists, communist party, and radical-socialists (liberals). How it instituted compulsory arbitration, sent the Mobile Guards against strikers, restricted freedom of speech and assembly. It disoriented the labour movement and paved the way for Hitler's conquest of France, and Petain's rise to power.

The greatest obstacle to the development of the labour movement towards socialism in Great Britain today is the coalition with the Tories.

The record shows a drop in real wages due to the rising cost of living, the passage of reactionary labour legislation, compulsory arbitration before boards heavily load-

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ed in the bosses' favour that fix wages and conditions at appaling levels. Over 23,000 workers have been prosecuted under new labour legislation and 1,807 have been sent to prison. Not one boss has gone to jail and the few found guilty received only nominal fines. No Tory minister could have used the Trades Disputes Act without widespread strikes. Ernest Bevin, minister of labour in the coalition government boasted in the House of Commons in 1942 that in the previous 6 months: "I have transferred at great loss of wages to themselves over 3,600 men from munitions factories to the Mines."

As a result of its coalition policy the Labour Party has been losing ground to the Commonwealth Party and other independent left groupings. All news from England indicates that the leadership of the Labour Party forced by the pressure of the ranks will fight this year's election against the Tories. This would leave only the Communist Party advocating coalition with Churchill and the Tories

Labour can never be a partner of capitalism in government, only its prisoner. The experience of labour throughout the world is proof enough of the reactionary nature of coalition. Who is the minister most hated by the workers in the King cabinet? Undoubtedly Humphrey Mitchell the ex-labour man who is supposed to represent labour in the cabinet. Whenever the Liberal government wished to attack the workers, Mitchell was always the spearhead of the attack. Coalition will merely mean the repetition of the picture of so-called labour leaders doing the dirty work of the boss parties.

The economic crisis of Canadian capitalism is not reflected directly in Canadian politics. For a few years yet they may be able to rule in the old way. But the rapid growth of the CCF forecasts the end of the old two-party system. The boss parties are not yet in the need of coalition with the labour fakers in the sense of a popular front. So they spurn the offers of the LPP, but accept their aid and make minor electoral deals with them. The help the LPP gives to the capitalists is in bolstering up the crumbling reputations of their leaders. This aid also consists in sowing confusion as to the real issues in the election and finally in splitting the workers' vote in favour of the boss candidates.

Although the coalition forces will probably suffer a crushing defeat June 4th and June 11th the question will still be with us. For the question of coalition is at the bottom, the old one of class collaboration. The next time it may arise in quite unexpected quarters for many workers.

Down with coalition with the old parties For independent working class politics!

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MORE LAY-OFFS, PLANTS CLOSE

Government Has No Real Post-War Plans

NUMBER EMPLOYED CONTINUES TO DROP

In a period when employment normally rises, the month of April, latest government statistics show a decrease for the fifth straight month. Buried in the back pages of almost every issue of the boss press are reports of lay-offs and contract terminations.

This is the story that the capitalist press is trying to hush up because it shows the complete lack of any plan for full employment. It indicates that the system of free enterprise is heading for the biggest crisis and depression of its history.

From coast to coast in Canada we hear a familiar story. In the maritimes and in Winnipeg thousands are drawing unemployment insurance. Contracts for the production of Aluminum are cut and thousands are laid off in Arvida. Lay-offs are taking place in the aircraft industry throughout the country. Fairchild Aircraft of Montreal which employed about 8,000 workers in the peak production of planes will employ only about 400 in the production of prefabricated houses. Two plants in Ontario, General Engineering and the DIL Ajax Works, which employed close to 10,000 workers will be shut down completely by mid-summer. Small arms and small arms' ammunition production is fading away with heavy ammunition production next on the schedule for oblivion. The much publicized shipbuilding program is about over with Canadian shipyards destined to return to their pre-war status of repairs and overhaul with the production of the odd small ship.

Most of the laid off workers are still finding jobs although unemployment is growing The jobs still available are in the lower paid industries, where hours are longer and weekly pay lower.

Under the threat of lay-offs the bosses are whittling down the hard won conditions of the workers. Militant unionists are being framed up and fired. Speed ups and piece work are being introduced. Union committee men and stewards are finding it much harder to get a favourable settlement on mounting grievances. Big companies like Fords are stalling on contract renewals. It is estimated that production improvements, new machinery, etc., introduced during the war have made it possible for four men to do the job formerly requiring five workers. Government ministers, notoriously conservative in these matters, tell us that 1,000,000 completely new jobs must be found even allowing for greatly increased peace-time armed forces, if Canada returns to a 1939 rate of production.

The problem of full employment is the key problem facing the workers. It is obvious that capitalism which failed in the past to solve this question is even more helpless today in the face of intensified competition for the shrinking world market.

The worker's solution to this question can be found in an article **"A Program for Jobs"** in this issue of Labour Challenge, page 3.

LESSONS OF THE ELECTIONS

Defeat Shows Need of Militant Socialist Program

EDITORIAL

"Labour Challenge" gave critical support to all CCF candidates in the elections f last month. On the front page of our June issue our headline called for a CCF overnment; for independent labour political action; we urged the workers and rmers to vote CCF. We made it clear to our readers that we supported the CCF ot because we agreed 100% with its program but because it represented the first eak by the workers on a mass scale from the capitalist politics of the Liberal and ory parties. We gave support, along with the overhelming majority of the advanced workers, to the CF because it came out in the elections as the party f the workers and farmers in opposition to the parties f the ruling class.

In our statement of purpose and policy we summarized the policy of "Labour Challenge" in a series of ogans. Not the least important of these is the slogan, For a CCF government in Ottawa, in the provinces, and unicipalities with the following program" followed by number of slogans designed to fill the immediate needs f the Canadian masses. These slogans will continue appear in each issue of Labour Challenge to inform e labour movement where we stand.

It can afford us no great pleasure to say that our iticisms of some aspects of the CCF program and poly were proven correct by the election results. For we n only understand the elections as a defeat, although f a temporary character, for Canadian labor. The 180% crease to 28 seats in parliament won by the CCF is no use for complacency or rejoicing. Eighteen of these ats are from Saskatchewan and of the remainder, 9 om other western provinces with one from the mining istrict of Nova Scotia. None are from the industrial nd population centre of Canada, Ontario and Quebec, hich is a grave weakness and danger signal.

Only 7 or 8 of these seats are urbanized areas or ndustrial centres; the remaining, over two thirds are gricultural areas which will tend to give an unbalanced haracter to the parliamentary caucus. In fact this can e a danger to the future development of the CCF beuse of the preponderant role the M.P.'s play in CCF ffairs. The reasons that not one CCF candidate was lected on June 11th in the provinces of Ontario and uebec, in the home of the overwhelming majority of he organized industrial workers, must be uncovered, nalysed and corrected. This is imperative if we are oing to build a strong socialist movement to take power n Canada.

In this issue several contributors discuss various hases of the election; in this editorial we will discuss he election as a whole. We must use the word defeat n describing the election results for in many cases, ncluding Saskatchewan and Quebec, the CCF received ess votes than in the preceding provincial elections of ast year! There are those who would explain this deeat simply on the strength of the propaganda campaign

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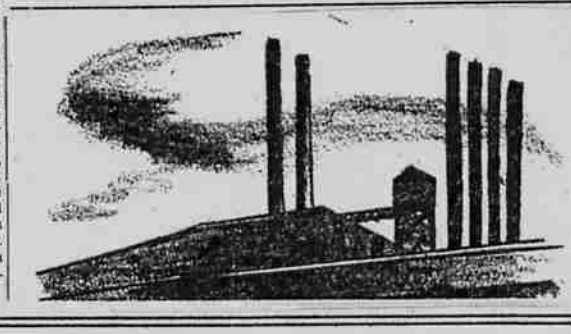
WAR PLANTS GO FOR SONG

Big Business Takes Over Crown Company

The War Assets Corporation is beginning to hold across Canada huge auction sales of surplus war goods. The capitalist press prints pictures of farmers and workers happily lugging home their purchases. Of course, those articles which are most readily adaptable to civilian use are being sold in such quantity lots that only speculators and wholesalers can purchase them. But the juiciest plums, the machine tools, the equipment of the war plants paid for by the workers and farmers and operated by private enterprise, are not in the hands of the War Assets Corp. for public auction. They are in the direct control of the Depart-



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of the Gladstone Murrays and Trestrails backed up by the war swollen profits of the capitalist class. We must answer them with the simple truth that the reactionary and decadent ruling class will fight much harder and with more powerful weapons before it succumbs to the

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- For the nationalization of industry under workers' control.
- For the confiscation of all war profits.
- For full support to the struggle of the European masses for socialism.

EDITORIAL

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forces of social progress. But we must admit that the pamphlets "Social Suicide" and the condensed version of the "Road to Serfdom" had some effect in confusing many middle class elements and some workers. The fact that isn't mentionsd is that the CCF leaders did little or nothing to educate their members and even many of their candidates in the socialist answers to this elementary capitalist propaganda.

ROLE OF LPP

The mistake of underestimating the reactionary role of the Labour-Progressive Party over a period of years permitted them to play a damaging role of no small consequence, particularly in the Ontario election which had a profound psychological effect on the Federal election. We recognize the right of minority tendencies in the labour movement to a proportionate place in all phases of activity. But the policy of the LPP of collaborating with Big Business and the Liberal party for the purpose of defeating the CCF at all costs put them outside the recognition of the labour movement. The LPP's consistent pounding on the false line, that the Tories are the main danger and that we must unite with the Liberals to defeat them, bore fruit. It influenced many workers to vote Liberal and a small handful to vote LPP. The political action committee of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, AFL central body, endorsed King at the last moment. This stab in the back by the craft union bureaucrats is directly attributable to the Labour-Progressive Party which holds the balance of power in the non-political T. & L. C. of C.

The tactics of political blackmail pursued by the Labour-Progressive Party in running 67 federal candidates and 35 or so in the Ontario election cost labour directly at least 6 seats in the Ontario legislature and at least 9 seats in the parliament. Those who claim that the election results and the new turn of the Stalinist LPP will automatically finish that party are following the same "ostrich" policy which proved so false in the past. On the contrary, the defeat of the CCF candidates will probably cause some backward elements to agree with the LPP line that "now is not the time for socialism and that we should unite with the Liberals to defend ourselves from the Tory reactionaries." The new turn of giving lip service to a more radical line while pursuing the same reactionary course will probably strengthen temporarily the hold of the LPP bureaucrats on some of the trade unions they dominate. The fight against the LPP and all other enemies of the labour movement must be carried on continously in a manner that will raise the political level of the movement as a whole. We must condemn red-baiting, as reactionary and futile but press the fight with the LPP along militant scientific socialist lines.

REAL REASON FOR DEFEAT

In part we attribute the defeats of June 4th and 11th, for the CCF and labour, to the capitalist propaganda campaign, the gigantic sums spent by the old parties, who were aided by the LPP. But the main reason for the defeat and the point we must emphasise if we are going to learn from mistakes, was the passive, wishy-washy campaign conducted by the CCF in most constituencies. The organizational policy of the CCF in maintaining only an electioneering party proved false and meant that when the election rolled around in many constituencies there was a real scarcity of election workers. Socialism will never be built in Canada without a workers' party that functions 365 days of the year every year, giving guidance and leadership to every phase of the workers' day by day struggle against the bosses. The policy in the selection of candidates showed glaring weakness when one CCF candidate withdrew just before the election in favour of the Liberal. The switch of the leaders of the needle trade workers in Toronto Spadina to the Liberal revealed again the falsity of agreements with the trade union bureaucrats.

While the organizational question was a factor in the defeat the most important question is political. The election was fought by the CCF on an abstract program of nationalization of the monoply industries and other general reforms. No real distinction was made between nationalization under bureaucratic capitalist control like the C.N.R., etc., and nationalization under a socialist government with workers' control. The immediate problems of the workers such as lay-offs were not adequately handled. The promises of the CCF in many cases actually appeared to be smaller than the promises of the Liberals and Tories. The policy of tailending the Liberals on the conscription and other war issues, including the important issue of peace, pursued by the national leadership, further tended to blur the real issues in the election. The cautious, negative, abstract campaign played into the hands of our opponents and forced the CCF supporters on the defensive. A militant, positive, concrete, socialist campaign would have gained votes from all sections of the exploited masses and forced our opponents on the defensive.

The claims of almost the whole capitalist press that the CCF was wiped out as a national tendency is false in view of the votes recorded for its candidates in the east. But even more important in our estimate of the future of the CCF must be the trend, throughout the world, of the masses to the left. The workers on the move in the period immediately ahead will flock into the already existing organizations. The sharpening of the class struggle will see a growth in the CCF. The militants must unite with these fresh elements, educate themselves in the principles of Marxism, scientific socialism, to build for the future victory of socialism.

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CCF GETS BIG SOLDIER VOTE

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BY PAUL KANE

In the Federal election the CCF polled 32% of the service-men's vote—more than double the CCF civilian vote, the total civilian plus service vote for the CCF was 16% of all votes cast.

Why is the CCF vote twice as strong in the armed forces as in civilian life? If the civilian population had voted in the same proportion for the CCF as the armed forces it is quite possible that we would have a CCF government today.

Jolliffe, the Ontario CCF leader explains away the defeat by referring to the barrage of propaganda, lies, and slander directed at the CCF, that flooded the country. No one will deny that this campaign by the capitalist interests did cost the CCF many votes. As long as we have to fight capitalism this is something which we will have to face. In fact, the closer the workers get to power the more ruthless will the campaign of the bosses against them become. We may be sure that in the future it will not stop at a paper war.

If the future of Canada is going to be decided by who can turn out the most literature and who can conduct the most scurrilous slander campaign the CCF and labour generally is doomed never to take power. But the fact remains that, the most ruthless and powerful capitalist companies have succumbed to trade union organizations after bitter and sometimes bloody battles. The unions didn't get into Fords because they had more money than Ford, or because their propaganda was more brilliant, or their organization more efficient. The CIO was successful because the workers in their experience felt the need of a union. All Fords' lies, police, and physical violence notwithstanding, the workers organized.

Mr. Joliffe's explanation is only part of the answer. No doubt the slander of the bosses swung many votes. But why does the army vote stand so much higher than the civilian vote?

The answer might appear to be that the campaign identifying socialism with fascism never found its way into the so-called non-political atmosphere of the armed forces. But the contrary is true. The army was flooded with the propaganda of boss politics, Social Suicide, the Road to Serfdom, and the weekly Canadian Overseas Mail. Class concious workers know that the denial of political life in any social body means the acceptance of the politics of the ruling class. This is true for the armed forces also which merely reflect, in their own way, the class nature of capitalist society.

No! the armed forces felt the weight of the capitalist propaganda campaign, and there was a dearth of official CCF material. It was, strangely enough, in this lack of the official voice of the CCF and the plenty of the bosses propaganda that much of the CCF's success lay. In spite of the official blanket on political discussion, the barracks hummed with arguments and controversies. The armed forces CCF vote was for a socialist CCF. Workers and farmers in the forces have been absent from Canadian political life for from 1 to 5 years. Most of the armed forces look upon the CCF as a type of socialist party, they accept the charges of the Trestralls and the Gladstone Murrays at their face value. They believed and hoped that the CCF was the radical determined party that its accussers claimed. The other accusations of these pen prostitutes of big business that socialism equals fascism, etc., were exploded by soldiers with experience in the trade union and labour movement. What the armed forces did not hear and the civilians did was the official voice of the CCF, the voice of Lewis and company attempting to be respectable. This attempt to win the middle class vote by soft pedalling socialism was a dismal failure, it lost some of the working class vote and gained little of the middle class vote.

The war has quickened the tempo of the monopolization of industry. But the war is such a rich bononza to capitalism that temporarily a large section of the middle class renews its hopes and is torn from the influence of the workers. Today the misty dreams of the middle class are quickly evaporated before the cut backs and lay-offs. The middle class lies within the reach of the CCF providing the CCF can gain their confidence. This can only be done by the adoption of a militant courageous anti-capitalist program. The tragedy of the recent development of the CCF is that as the workers are moving to a greater class conciousness and militancy and as the middle class more and more identifies its fate with the workers the CCF is rapidly moving to the right supposedly in order to gain the support of middle class. In the election the backward workers and the middle class did not vote CCF because the CCF did not give them a lead.

In the armed forces many of the middle class and those with the mentality of the middle class did vote CCF. For in a sense the armed forces exists as a special political category. In the army the middle class elements and the workers look to their future in battle and in rehabilitation with grave misgivings. It was the program of socialization of industries which found the most enthusiastic support in the armed forces. This is the program which last year the CCF modified to nationalization of monopolies without saying anything about workers' control. It was on this very question that in the election and even today in the CCF there is the greatest confusion.

Make no mistake today and even more so tomorrow it will be the program that is bold and militant which will win the workers and soldiers many of whom will be declassed by unemployment. After the last war thousands of the men in the services after the bosses had used them and cast them aside fell prey to reactionary and fascist demagogues. Canada's armed forces will belong to the CCF if the CCF adopts a militant socialist policy.

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LABOUR HAS CLEAR MAJORITY

BRITISH WORKERS GAVE LABOUR PARTY POWER TO BRING IN SOCIALISM

By DAN PARKER

The smashing electoral victory of the British Labour Party has focussed the eyes of the world labour movement on London. For the first time in its history, the Labour Party has an overall majority in the House of Commons. Clement Attlee, prime minister and leader of the Labour Party, is assured of a 130 majority over the combined opposition.

The caretaker government of the arch-Tory and figure-head of reaction, Churchill, including most of his cabinet ministers, could not withstand the pressure of the shift of the workers of the world to the left.

It was significant that the Liberal Party lost almost half of its former seats and is reduced to only 11 members in the 640 member house. With class lines sharpening and hardening, there is no room for middle of the road capitalist parties. In fact, even the radical middle-class Commonwealth Party failed to make any gains.

A scant forty years of struggle of the great English working class to break out of the confines of capitalist politics has been finally crowned with success.

The overwhelming support of the armed forces (almost 90 per cent) given the Labour candidates was one of the most noteworthy features of the election, and one of the best signs for the future of the British workers. Just as in Canada, the proportion of soldier support given the COF in June was more than double that of the civilian voters, so in the British elections the soldier vote was almost two to one for the Labour Party.

Nothing deflected the British workers from their purpose of electing a government pledged to bring in a socialist society. The campaign to paint the Labour Party as totalitarian and fascist, personally led by Churchill, didn't prevent large sections of the middle

Attlee, Bevin, and Morrison, managed to keep the lid down. But after the reactionary policy of the coalition government in Greece and Europe became clearer and the war drew to an end, the rank and file boiled over. At the conference this last spring, under terrific pressure from the membership, the delegates voted overwhelmingly to end the coalition.

The British masses are weary of the war. They are suffering severely under rationing and black

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adopted a program which calls for nationalization of the coal mines, power companies, public transportation, and the mighty Bank of England. The program also provides for a vast government scheme of slum clearance and public housing. Britain's workers

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WAR GOODS TO BE BURNT

THERE WILL BE NO BARGAINS

"Seventy-five percent of Canada's war goods will have to be destroyed," said J. B. Carswell, president of the government's War Assets Corporation, he is also a director of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. and president of the Burlington Steel Co.

G. M. Last, executive assistant to President Carswell, gave the reasons why. Here they are:—

"At present we destroy only a small part of the material com-

Veterans Want Security, Not Gratuities

By PAUL KANE

Over 56,456 servicemen have returned from war-torn Europe to re-establish themselves in a much-changed Canada. To aid them gather up the strings of a broken life, the Canadian government has passed a series of rehabilitation laws and acts. These acts, the most important being PC 7633, The Post Discharge Re-establishment Order, have been widely and loudly proclaimed by the capitalist press as wise and generous legislation which will see the veterans of World War II through the difficult period of readjustment to a life of greater security and economic prosperity.

The Canadian bosses and their government have passed legislation that re-establishes themselves in the post-war period on a grand scale. The billion dollar war plants already integrated into capitalist production are being generously handed over to them by the War Assets Corporation. The prices they are paying average about 45 per cent of the original cost of these modern plants. The credit terms offered to the purchasers would shock anyone who has ever tried to borrow money from one of the Canadian banks. Ninety-five per cent of the excess profits taxes wrung from the hides of the workers and farmers are being handed back to the bosses, who struggled along on the highest profits in the history of Canadian business in the war years, to help them over the difficult period of reconversion.

There will be no return on the [illegible] who face lay-offs, unemployment and wage cuts. For them there will be a few weeks of unemployment insurance and then relief.

The bankers and the big industrialists whose pocket books are already swollen from so-called legitimate profits — the rewards of free enterprise — are burying their snouts in a rehabilitation trough that overflows.

The government's plans for the veterans can be broken down into two parts: 1. The Gratuities and Rehabilitation Allowances. 2. The Post Discharge Re-establishment Orders.

Upon discharge from the armed forces an ex-serviceman with six month's service or more, is granted an amount equal to one month's rank pay and allowances. A private, married and with two children, gets therefore, a grant of $108.02. A major, married with two children, a majority of whom come from the professional groups and have been getting almost five times the private's pay, receives a grant of $315.62. The clothing allowance, originally $35, increased to $65, and now $100, after strong protests from labour and veterans' organizations, is payable to all ranks. The insufficiency of $100 for clothing at present inflated prices, is obvious.

The Service Gratuity gives the veteran $7.50 for every 30 days in the Western Hemisphere, and $15.00 for every 30 days overseas, plus 7 days pay for every six months overseas. Again what the day's pay will mean depends on the rank.

The most important features of the Post Discharge Re-establishment Order are the Vocational and University training schemes and the Veterans Land Act.

An opportunity to take vocational training at schools operated by the [illegible]

erans who can struggle along on $60 a month if single, and $80 a month if married. Very few veterans of the thousands already discharged, have taken the opportunity to obtain vocational training under this plan. One reason is that the sustenance grant is too small.

Army officials claim that this is due to shortsightedness of the men who today, because of the war time boom, can get a half decent wage, and don't wish to sacrifice their time in the trade schools. In the face of the tremendous lay-offs in recent months, and the many more immediately ahead, one wonders who is shortsighted. Vocational training for what—lay-offs, unemployment — will a little training help then?

Recently a number of veterans taking university courses under the same sustenance grant of $60 and

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$80, demanded that the grant be raised to $80 for single men and $125 for married men. Aside from the serious financial deterrent of inadequate sustenance, the veteran must have the qualifications required for the university course, within 15 months of discharge. Most university courses require entrance standards unobtainable for the majority of the veterans who would like to take them.

In an occupational history survey answered by 347,000 men in the three arms of the service in August, 1942, only 24,600 proved immediately able to take advantage of the university scheme. This means only 7 per cent had some university training, or the necessary grades to enter university — only 7 per cent could take advantage of the University scheme, on the basis of educational qualifications alone.

Thousands of the forces from urban areas burdened with memories of unemployment and relief lineups, plan to return to civilian life in suburban areas with a few acres for gardening, or to go on farms. The veterans' Land Act provides that the total cost of the land and buildings, plus stock and equipment, of the chosen farm shall not exceed $6,000, and that the grant for stock and equipment shall not be more than $1,200.

Let us suppose that a returned man wants a farm which will cost $5,600 for land and buildings alone. He must put up in cash ten per cent of the cost or $560. The balance will be paid monthly over a period not exceeding 25 years, at 3½ per cent interest. This leaves $400 available for stock and equipment. If the veteran is able to keep up his payments for 10 years, the $400 debt is cancelled, and the veteran becomes entitled to a free grant of one-third of the cost of the land and building, less his 10 per cent down payment.

Army officials unofficially discourage veterans from taking advantage of the VLA. Government figures on the increase of farm mortgages since the last war, and the failure of so many small farmers, substantiate their advice.

The 10 per cent down payment would be a crushing burden on the $1.50 a day soldier. The $6,000 ceiling price is obviously too low, and any amount over this sum must be paid by the veteran with cash.

Farm values, due to the war, are tremendously inflated in comparison with the pre-war prices, and their probable post-war value will be much lower. The average value per acre of occupied farm lands in Canada has made big leaps. In Quebec, for example, in 1938 the average was $40 per acre, by 1942 it had jumped to $55 per acre. The amount that would remain for stock and equipment after land and buildings are paid for at prevailing prices would be ridiculous in face of the increases in machinery and stock prices. For example, from December, 1939, to June, 1943, the average price for horses increased from $67 to $80, and milk cows from $46 to $102.

The Borden government after the last war, presented the veterans a rehabilitation plan, and the country a post-war reconstruction scheme which was to make Canada a land fit for heroes to live in. Less than fifteen years later thousands were walking the streets and pushing and shoving in bread lines.

Nor was the rehabilitation a failure because of skimpiness. Over $521,000,000 was spent, not counting pensions now nearing the billion dollar mark. The collapse of the Soldiers Settlement Act can be understood when we know that out of 24,793 persons established, only 7,360 are still on the scheme, and only 3,883 have repaid their loans.

The problem of the veterans is the problem of their class. The gratuities and grants are only so many charity hand-outs which will quickly fade in the crisis ahead of Canadian and world capitalism.

The veterans want jobs, not handouts. The ex-serviceman wants security, and the only way he will be able to get it will be together with the labour movement in the struggle for socialism.

The labour movement must take the lead in fighting for the demands of the veterans or else ex-servicemen will be once more led up a blind alley by the forces of reaction.

It can truly be said that the Veteran question is one of the spiniest problems facing the labour movement.

THERE IS NO PEACE

Only Socialism Can Save Mankind From Atomic Destruction in Another World War

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WORKERS, FARMERS, TOILERS OF CANADA

The second imperialist world war has ended. Six year of wholesale slaughter and devastation have been brought to an awful climax with the discovery of the atomic bomb and its use, with frightful effect, against the people of Japan.

The din of battle has ceased. Mankind now must contemplate the destruction and the ruin, the pain and the heartbreak, which the war has caused. People in every land are celebrating the end of the carnage, not so much with joy as with a sense of relief that it has come to an end. They do not and cannot feel secure. Over their celebrations, like a lowering cloud, hangs a grim foreboding of things yet to come. Here in Canada where the civilian population has been spared the monstrous agony endured for long, unbroken years by the people of Europe and Asia, joy that the war has ended is also tinged with dread for the future.

Revulsion and Anxiety

The atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with the combined population of 600,000 men, women and children, has sent a wave of revulsion and anxiety throughout the world, especially among the toiling populations who are the principal victims of war. It is universally realized that mankind has been saved from total annihilation in World War II only because the atomic bomb was invented so late. There is also the conviction, amounting to certainty, that another world war will mean the doom of the human race.

Hatred of imperialist war, and fear of what the future holds, is driving the workers to revolutionary political conclusions. The imperialist rulers, who alone have profited from the war, seek to prevent this at all costs. They want to sidetrack the workers from the struggle to end the capitalist system and establish socialism, which is the only sure guarantee that another war will be impossible.

All the organs of ruling class propaganda are mobilized to deceive the masses into thinking that the end of the war means the dawn of true and lasting peace and that peace can be preserved without revolutionary social

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HOWE'S ANSWER PROOF THAT GOV'T HAS NO POSTWAR PLAN

"I don't give a damn if they do have to take jobs at 25 cent an hour less. They had better take the jobs or they won't be working for a long time." This was Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe's answer to the union leaders who approached him on Sept. 4th in Toronto, to find out what the government planned to do about lay-offs.

Ripping the mask of lies from the much publicized program of the Liberal Big Business government, he exposed the fact that the present administration has no plans for full employment.

Lay-offs, which grew from a trickle early in the year to a steady stream by V-E Day, have, with the surrender of Japan, grown into a flood which threatens to engulf the Canadian workers and their organizations.

The Canadian workers, who hung up new records of production in every phase of industry during the war years are now paid off with the lay-off. The gigantic plants built by the workers and financed by the government with the people's money, are rapidly being shut down.

During the war, with close to a million men taken out of the labour force, Canadian production rose to record heights. Thousands of workers acquired new skills and produced commodities never before manufactured in Canada. Now before the echo of the war has died away, the first of the four freedoms —Freedom from Want—rings like a hollow mockery in the ears of the workers.

Shorter hours and the elimination of overtime pay and production bonuses have cut huge holes in the pay cheques of thousands of workers. National Selective Service is attempting to force the laid-off workers into sub-standard jobs by threatening to deny them unemployment insurance benefits.

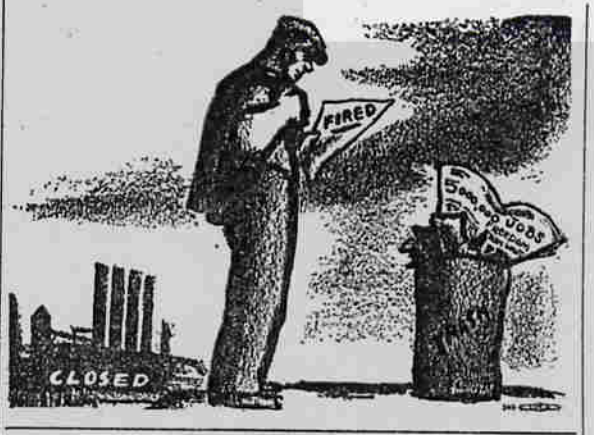
The government has done nothing—is planning nothing—to help the workers meet the crisis ahead.

With the one hand it offers the growing army of unemployed the miserable pittance of $14 a week unemployment insurance, with the other it is giving away government

be eaten up by unemployment and rising prices.

The closing of the war plants which foreshadows a return to 1939 levels of production, will mean at least a million unemployed in Canada. Full employment can be reached only if sub-standard wages are raised, the hours of work reduced and the take home pay maintained, and lastly, but most importantly, the government continues to own war plants, and they are run under workers' control to produce the consumer goods needed by the Canadian workers and farmers. Point 10 of the Canadian Congress of Labour's Legislative Program demanded that the government continue to operate the crown companies, but now this seems to have been forgotten by the union leaders.

The first step towards nationalization of all industry under the control of the workers is the continued government ownership of the crown companies and their operation by their present laid off work-



SOLDIERS' PROTESTS FORCE CHANGE IN GOV'T POLICY

Soldier sit down strikes and CCF protests have forced the government to change their policy of using troops on civilian jobs at army rates of pay.

Canadian troops in limited numbers, for some months past, have been forced to carry out the anti-labour policies of Mackenzie King. They had been ordered as slave

railway brought the matter to public attention.

M. J. Coldwell, CCF House Leader, filed a protest with the Minister of National Defence and

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change. As a second line of deception, they are trying to persuade the masses that even if another war should come, the American and Canadian people need not fear annihilation because means will be found to "control" the use of the atomic bomb and insure that it will not be used against this continent.

Illusions Being Spread

Among the illusions now being sown is the idea that the unlocked secret of atomic energy possesses such ghastly destructive power that the capitalist rulers will refrain from using it in future wars. But the entire history of imperialist warfare refutes this contention. Between two world wars the most frightful instruments of death were invented and perfected. ALL HAVE BEEN USED! During World War II other death-dealing weapons were invented and perfected. ALL HAVE BEEN USED! Demolition bombs of enormous weight were dropped on helpless civilian populations. Incendiary fire-bombs were used to wipe out whole cities and burn their inhabitants to death. The unspeakable flame-thrower was employed by the belligerents to burn masses of men to a crisp. The only reason poison gas was not used was its unreliability as a weapon, the danger that it might destroy its users.

To annihilate their opponents, the imperialist criminals will employ every deadly weapon in their arsenals. Let no one deceive himself that the atomic bomb will not be used!

Another illusion being sedulously fostered is that the atomic bomb is a secret, that it will be kept a secret under tight government control and monopoly and that therefore this continent will be safe. Much is made of the fact that here in Canada lies the majority of the known and developed sources of uranium. But just as this secret of splitting the uranium atom is already known to the ruling classes of Canada, Great Britain and the United States, and soon will be known to others, science in the service of predatory capitalism will discover how to split the atom of other and more common elements.

Truman declared that Britain and the United States "do not intend to reveal the secret until means have been found to control the bomb so as to protect ourselves and the rest of the world from the danger of total destruction . . . We must constitute ourselves trustees of this new force — to prevent its misuse, and to turn it into channels of service to mankind."

But with the defeat of German and Japanese imperialism, the rivalry between British and American imperialism becomes one of the greatest potential sources of another world war. The interests of these two powers meet and clash in every corner of the globe. Unless the whole world system of capitalism and imperialism is destroyed, war between them is more than probable. Can anyone in his sane senses doubt that in the event of such a war the antagonists will use the atomic bomb in the effort to destroy each other?

Cold-Blooded Extermination

And what does Truman mean by "misuse" of the atomic bomb? Was the delibrate and cold-blooded extermination of 600,000 Japanese a high act of humanitarianism? In the shyster language of the imperialist criminals, a weapon is "misused" only when it is employed by their opponents. The Nazis "misused" the weapon of aerial bombardment when they blasted Warsaw, Rotterdam and Coventry. The Japanese imperialists "misused" it when they blasted Canton, Hankow and Chungking. Then the Anglo-American imperialists improved on the performance of their rivals and wiped out dozens of German and Japanese cities and hundreds and thousands of civilian inhabitants. They just "forgot" and

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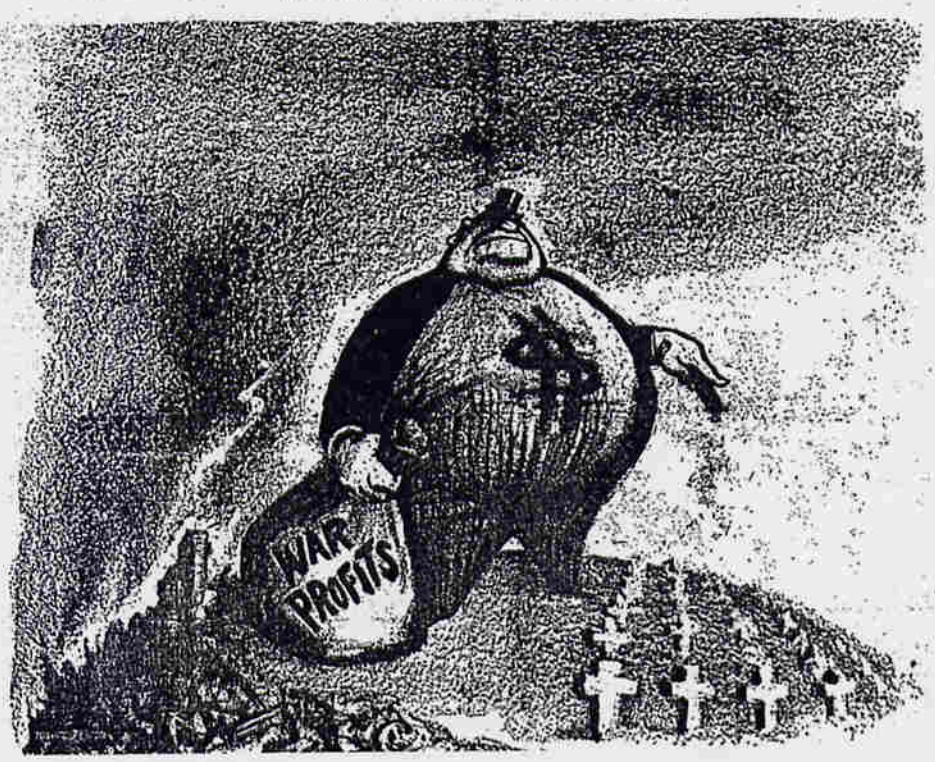

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hoped their own peoples would forget, their previous pretended indignation.

The atomic bomb, no matter what may be decided in Washington and London, will not remain even an Anglo-American-Canadian secret. Sir James Chadwick, chief British scientist in the atomic bomb project, stated in Washington on August 12 that this deadly weapon was "not a strictly British-American secret" and that "any nation could learn the secret in about five years of experimentation, assuming it had access to the necessary raw materials."

Consider, too, the ominous import of the following extract from a Washington dispatch to the *New York Sun* on August 8: "Twenty-four hours ago, members of Congress were earnestly debating among themselves whether or not the new discovery should be given to the United Nations Security Council and to other Allied governments. Today their thinking is growing up, and they are beginning to comprehend the fact that even if the blueprints and formulae for this new invention were to be destroyed, the scientists of other nations would discover the secret anew in their laboratories."

The dispatch then continues: "More awesome still is the realization that the political development of the world has not kept pace with its scientific knowledge — THAT WE KNOW OF NO WAY TO PREVENT THE MISUSE OF THIS NEW DISCOVERY. The thought of negotiating an international series of treaties renouncing the use of atomic explosives in war inspires no confidence in any one."

Admission of Bankruptcy

Two terrible world wars have proven — and the foregoing quotation underlines the fact — that capitalism is incapable of utilizing the great advances in science and technique for the enrichment of human life. In "peace", capitalism condemns the masses to poverty and insecurity amidst potential plenty. In war, it conscripts industry and science for the mutual destruction of the peoples.

THEY KNOW OF NO WAY! This admission of bankruptcy and helplessness comes from the most powerful ruling class on earth. Out of their own mouths they are condemned as the murderers of the human race. With an insane calmness they tell the people to await their doom.

Let no man deceive himself with the thought that because Germany and Japan have been defeated, a new war, at least during the lifetime of this generation, is unlikely. Capitalist appetites and imperialist rivalries remain. Only the focus of the antagonisms has shifted. War is the end result of the ceaseless capitalist hunt for profits, markets, colonies, spheres of influence. It is a lie that war can be prevented by treaties and agreements among the imperialist bandits. The League of Nations could not prevent war. It was dead and buried before World War II broke out. The United Nations organization will not be able to prevent a third world war. Its very formula of "peace by force" implies war and not peace. In unguarded moments the imperialists admit that they know of no way to prevent war. The admission is implicit in the maintenance of gigantic armaments. First Washington dispatches on the atomic bomb quoted official quarters as saying this new weapon would "revolutionize all future warfare." Could anything be plainer?

Canada Will Not Escape

Nor should any man deceive himself that Canada will escape the annihilating blasts of the atomic bomb in a future war. Air power and sea power will afford no sure protection. Scientists already tell us that an air force will not be necessary to carry this new missile on its deadly mission. It will be fired immense distances in the form of a jet-propelled rocket that will speed to its target at a lightning rate and with unerring accuracy. Monreal or Winnipeg or Vancouver will be just as vulnerable at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is at this point that the liberal apologists and defenders of the bloody capitalist system come forward to explain that the new weapon makes future wars "unthinkable", because its extensive use would mean the utter annihilation of the human race. Thus another illusion is sown.

After World War I these same liberals declared that another war was "unthinkable". Now that mankind has suffered another terrible blood-bath, do they seek to inquire why the "unthinkable" came to pass? They do not. For honest inquiry leads straight to the conclusion that under capitalism wars are inevitable and inescapable, and that once war begins all the diabolical instruments of killing and destruction are brought into play. The liberal fakers are employed, and generously paid, to cover up for capitalism, to mislead the masses by sowing illusions, and thus divert them from the struggle for socialism which alone can end the horrors of war for all time. That is why, while quaking in their shoes at the realization of what the atomic bomb means, they can only mutter the senseless incantation that a new war is "unthinkable".

THEY know of no way!

But there IS a way—THE WAY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

No Time To Lose !

Capitalism in its death agony, writhing in the toils of mortal crisis, has perfected an instrument of all-embracing annihilation. This deadly destructive force, held in the grip of the criminal capitalist rulers, will be used to decimate mankind unless it is snatched in time from their murderous grasp. The workers must awake, and awake quickly, to the realization that war with all its horrors is the product of the capitalist system.

To conceal the true source of war, capitalist propagandists divide the nations into "aggressors" and "peace lovers". This is a lie. The people of every nation hate war, for they are its victims. They are plunged into war by capitalist rulers, who alone profit from it. It contributes exactly nothing to an understanding of the profound social causes of war to say that Germany or Japan started it. Germany and Japan have been defeated. Yet the germs of war are STILL lodged in the heart of capitalist society. No trust whatsoever can be placed in the "peace-loving" declarations of the statesmen of capitalism in this or any other country. Only the utter wiping out of capitalist rule throughout the world can insure that atomic explosives will never again be used for mass murder.

Today, at this great turning point in history, we bring our message of hope to toiling humanity. We point out the road of salvation!

Let the cataclysmic horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki serve as a clarion call to the working class! The workers must wrench the power from the hands of the blood-drenched capitalist criminals and take their destiny in their own hands. The fight for socialism is now more than a fight to end poverty and inequality, to abolish the exploitation of man by man. Today the fight for socialism is a fight to prevent the annihilation of the human race. Mankind must now exterminate the capitalist system — or be exterminated!

Plunging Toward the Abyss

Time is of the essence. At an ever faster pace capitalism is rushing mankind toward the last abyss of destruction. The end of the second world war does not mean peace, but only an interval between wars, marked by smaller conflicts. This interval will be shorter — much shorter — than the last, because the contradictions of decayed capitalism grow ever more acute and capitalism can survive only by means of war. This breathing-space must be utilized by the progressive forces of society, the working class and its allies, to smash the capitalist system and usher in a socialist society.

Socialism — or perish! These are the alternatives. There is none other. Only the working class, which suffers the cruelties of capitalism in peace and war, can deal the death-blow to this foul system. The workers can rally the broadest masses to their liberating banner and can change the world. Having abolished capitalism, they can harness the productive forces and the wondrous discoveries of science to the service of human needs.

The release of atomic energy opens up grandiose vistas for the development of human society. It holds the promise of eliminating all poverty and raising the living standards of all people to undreamed-of heights. Hazardous and unhealthy occupations can become things of the past. The drudgery and servitude of ugly and unnecessary toil can be ended. There can be leisure and comfort and cultural advancement for every man, woman and child on earth.

All on one condition — that capitalism, the strangler of human progress, is destroyed!

Toilers of Canada! Working men and working women in the factories and on farms! We summon you to the struggle for a new world in which permanent pace and well-being will be assured for all! Workers of Canada! You must take power into your own hands!

FROM OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS

Social Credit's Demagogic Speeches and Press Exposed

By PAUL KANE

From a small folksy gospel hall monetary reform groups developed the nation-wide political party called Social Credit. Today with a dozen members in Parliament and in control of the Alberta Legislature, this party publishes a weekly national paper **The Social Crediter**, and a French weekly **Vers Demain**. From the forum of Parliament and the Alberta Legislature, through their press, over the air, the demagogic leaders of Social Credit spew their vile reactionary poison of race hatred and labour baiting lies.

Social Credit came to power in Alberta first in 1935 in the midst of the depression promising the farmers cheap credit and every man, woman and child $25.00 a month bonus. Needless to say they never paid one dollar of the so-called dividend but have in spite of that managed to be re-elected twice, and now hold 51 of the 57 seats in the Alberta Legislature. In the recent federal elections they ran 75 candidates and received almost 190,000 civilian votes. Forty-three of these candidates ran in Quebec, where they received more votes than the CCF. In the coming elections in British Columbia, they plan to contest almost every seat, and it is understood they will also participate in the approaching Manitoba election.

In spite of Social Credit's apparent stability, and its recent expansion, the CCF remains amazingly silent. While Social Credit leaders violently attack CCF-Communist-State Socialism, attack the unions, and urge the extension of Churchill's Greek policy to the rest of Europe, etc., the CCF officially turns its back and folds its arms.

In Make This Your Canada the only statement concerning the Social Credit was that it is not a democratically operated movement. About its political character and its program — nothing. Indeed many Canadian radicals, knowing little about it, look upon the Social Credit movement as progressive. Some even urge closer co-operation with it. In the **Western Producer** of June 28, there was an editorial urging a CCF-SC united reform movement which was received favourably in some CCF circles. What is the Social Credit Association — what is its nature and its program? Where is it going? It is sufficient to examine some of the statements of the SC leaders. For out of their own mouths comes the strongest condemation of them.

THE PARTY OF THE EXTREME RIGHT

The Social Credit Party surpasses the Tory party in its bald-faced support of predatory capitalism which it euphemistically calls free enterprise. This is explained by the statement that by educational processes it can implement its program of monetary reform within the framework of capitalism. But the antics of these reactionary tools of Big Business are proof that their funny money schemes are just window dressing for their real role.

Let's listen to their number one leader, Solon Low, for proof of the above statements. "In the sphere of international relations, the policy of the King Government is plain. It apparently supports the blue print for a World Dictatorship under an international controlling finance and the armed forces. The government's attitude at Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks' conferences, made that plain. Thus we see that the policy of the Liberal government is state socialism as our internal social structure after the war, operated under the overriding control of a powerful authority. And that would constitute an international socialist federation or the world dictatorship of the proletariat by an all powerful central authority."

Low goes on to attack the CCF as the party of state socialism whose program is that of the King Government, but counterposes King's state socialism as one supported by the Canadian communists (LPP) to the CCF's as one supported by the Canadian Congress of Labour, Hillman and the U.S. communists (CPA), both ending in a world slave state under German international money power.

"I have said nothing about the Progressive Conservatives because as yet that party has not made its stand clear on these issues. While the policies adopted by the party at its last national convention in Winnipeg, endorsed such socialistic policies as compulsory state insurance schemes its spokesmen have denounced the trend towards state dictatorship. These tactics are serving merely to confuse the issue, and I suggest it is high time the party leaders told the people in plain unqualified language just where they stand." CBC broadcast, Nov. 15, 1944.

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE TORIES

The purpose of this speech is twofold, first, to discredit the CCF and the labour movement because of the tail-endist policies of the leadership. Secondly, and even more important, to prove to the finance capitalists of Canada that the Tory party is an outmoded machine, and that if they want to save the system of capitalist exploitation they should support the Social Credit party.

Again on the same theme, the editor of the **Social Crediter**, on April 19th, wrote, "As yet the PC party offered no effective dynamic alternative" to so-called state socialism. And once again in an editorial on the Ontario elections June 7, speaking of the Tory party, "Faced with this blitz to stampede Canadians into state socialism, the Conservatives who had been facing extinction on account of the reactionary control of the party — began to fight for British ideals which they could see being swept away. They reorganized to this end — but they made a terrible mistake. The party leaders allowed the reactionary element to continue its control — and these, dominated by considerations of political expediency and an utter disregard of principles — committed the party to a compromise with state socialism, borrowing many of the Liberal Party's socialist policies for the purpose . . . they have elected Col. Drew's PC government as the least obnoxious of the alternatives they were being offered."

Trying to sell its services to Big Business as the saviour of the Canadian capitalist class from socialism occupies a large part of the time of this native potential fascist outfit.

Like the fascist movements that will arise in the days ahead of sharpened class struggle, the Social Credit party calls the labour movement fascist to divert attention from its own truly fascist demagogy. The Hon. A. J. Hooke, MLA, SC, Alberta, declared March 8th, that, "The CCF stands for carefully concealed fascism."

The Social Credit Ass. carries on a continuous campaign against labour and the CCF which makes Gladstone Murray and B. Trestrail look like pikers. In fact, they have taken up the cudgels as the champion of monopoly capitalism. They consider themselves as the official opposition to socialism.

> The SC provincial executive of B.C., has recommended that "The constituencies strive for a full slate in the coming election. Unless there is an alternative to socialism, it is felt the temper of the people is such that they will vote for the CCF in preference to the old parties." **Social Crediter**, Aug. 9, 1945.

There is never an issue of their press which fails to carry a featured tirade against socialism or an article in which the Soviet Union itself is attacked or the crimes of the Stalinist bureaucracy are held up as examples of socialist policy. The Social Credit Ass. directs the fire of its attacks against the CCF while it chides the Tories in a friendly way for not fighting hard enough for their capitalist masters' system of "free enterprise".

TRADE UNIONS

The Social Credit movement is anti-union, against the closed shop, and against the unions taking any political action.

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"The Saskatchewan CCF government have highlighted the fact that they gave printing contracts on an equal basis — but only to union plants. We are not saying that union plants should not get printing —definitely they should. What we are saying is that non-union printers should not be penalized. After all, a hall mark of modern civilization should be individual freedom. . ."Social Crediter, Oct. 12, 1944.

A resolution adopted at the B.C. Social Credit convention in Nov. 1944, had this to say about trade union political action: "Whereas, even at the present stage of the situation, the intrusion of political activities are a highly disruptive influence in trade unions, and prevent conduct of proper business of such unions, improved wages, hours and working conditions. . ."

The resolution goes on to say that SC has no desire to interfere with trade union business except to condemn political interference. What they mean by this is that they are opposed to the trade union movement taking the road of independent labour political action, and they openly say so.

Along with the bankers and monopolists they hailed the signing of the so-called peace pact by Murray CIO, Green AFL, and Eric Johnston US Chamber of Commerce, last April. This reactionary document which pledged labour to fight for the maintenance of capitalism was denounced by all progressives in the labour movement, but hailed by SC as "Labour's Hope".

At the same time they seized on the complaint by Corey Campbell to Murray about the donation of $300 from the headquarters of the United Steelworkers CIO to the B.C. section of the CCF in 1943.

"Labour's Hope" according to these apostles of capitalism, lies in abject surrender to the bosses as outlined in the peace charter and not in support of a labour party which can fight for the workers on the political front. But as we have pointed out before, there is no such thing as a political vacuum. When working class politics are banned from the unions, boss politics are in control

NATIONALISM AND RACE HATRED

"Why some Canadians and groups of Canadians slavishly copy foreign methods and isms when they have the makings of a prosperous and free country at hand, is a puzzle," to Major Jukes, in an article, entitled Foreign Isms Have No Place Here, published in the Social Crediter.

He then goes on to give his explanation of how SC ideas came into being. According to the Major, they are the creation of Major Douglas, a Scot, who received them from an Englishman, Mr. Bronson, when both were foreigners in India. But in reality the funny money schemes of Social Credit are not new or Canadian, and are just as "foreign" as any other economic theory or political credo in Canada.

Social Credit propaganda is, despite the denials of Low, full of anti-semitism and race hatred. The SC MP's and MLA's play continually on the worst prejudices of the most backward elements of the Canadian people.

In an editorial, on the CCF National Convention in the Dec. 5, 1944, Social Crediter, after taking a few cracks at the opportunism of the CCF leaders, goes on to say: "Not that we would expect Mr. David 'Lewis' who seemed to dominate the proceedings, to know much about the British Empire or anything British. Yet it strikes us as curious that if he has such a contempt for things British that he should have assumed a British name."

This type of statement is typical of dozens of others, here is what the Social Crediter said in an editorial denying that SC is anti-semitic: "The Protocols of Zion though frantically denounced as a forgery, the fact remains that the slimy intrigue, terror, blood, chaos and rise of dictatorship economic and political —which have marked the world history of the past half century are foretold with deadly accuracy in that Satanic document. In fact the forecasts have been fulfilled to the letter."

The forecasts claimed to have been carried out are that the Jews would seize control of the world. The American publisher of this infamous lie was Henry Ford, erstwhile supporter of Hitler, and well-known labour hater.

A PAGE FROM MEIN KAMPF

In an article in the June 28 issue of the Social Crediter, they tear a page from Mein Kampf in order to link up international finance (Judaeism) with communism and socialism. They repeat the lies, exposed years ago, that Lenin and Trotsky were agents of the German General Staff and give it a typical fascist touch by throwing in the Jewish bankers.

But even these phantastic lies are not enough! They make a new amalgam. In order to justify their support of the war, Hitler must now be tied up with German-Jewish Communist-Finance. In the editorial referred to above, they go on to state that Hitler, whom they called a quarter-Jew on Oct. 12, 1944, whom they reputed to be an illegitimate grandson of a Rothschild, was chosen by this International of Finance-Communism and Socialism working hand in hand!

What Hitler was chosen to do is not stated, but it appears to do with the Supreme State.

What Hitler did to the Jews, communists and socialists in the concentration camps is even better known. Hitler's destruction of the trade unions and the worker's political parties is the reason he got the support of German capitalism.

What Lenin and Trotsky did to finance capital and capital in general, Russian and international is well known, and in fact led to the war of intervention waged by the capitalists of the world against the Soviet Union.

FOREIGN POLICY

In the field of foreign policy the Social Credit Ass. comes out as super imperialist. Generally they subscribe to the race theory of British Israelism that the British people's are God's chosen ones to do good. Of course this aspect of their program is played down in the province of Quebec.

The Social Credit Ass. proudly boasts that it is the only movement in Canada that publicly endorsed British action in the Greek crisis. Low cynically pictures the destruction of the Greek people's movement and the imposition of a semi-fascist government by British troops as a restoration of law and order.

In their press, the Social Credit leaders rush to the defence of every discredited monarch and reactionary in Europe. In July they were beating the drums for King Leopold of Belgium, and agreeing with the reactionary Christian Popular Party that he should be returned to the throne in the face of overwhelming opposition from the Belgium people.

SOCIAL CREDIT IN ACTION

But to cap all their demagogy and lies about how they are fighting international finance, came the recent refunding of the Alberta debt. Alberta, bankrupt for years, is now, under the leadership of Social Credit, going to pay up to the hated bondholders. In order to curry favour with the London and Wall Street money-lenders the Social Credit fakers are making all kinds of concessions to them. The new bonds being floated to refund this debt give a handsome premium on the Pound and the American dollar invested in them.

CURRYING FAVOUR WITH BONDHOLDERS

The past stalling on refunding carried on by previous SC governments has resulted in merely the small bondholders being forced to sell for a song, and the bonds of the province being concentrated into the hands of banking houses like Lloyd's of London and the Bank of Manhattan, Wall Street. In fact, the payment to the bondholders is so exceedingly generous that the province is now in a very favourable position in the eyes of the finance capitalists.

Said Mr. Casey, SC, M.L.A., "I see no reason why we should not be in the best position of any province to have our submissions listened to with respect at the Dominion-Provincial conference . . . Alberta's financial position will be the best of all the Canadian provinces."

Both the reactionary propaganda and the deeds of the Social Credit government have endeared this movement to Big Business. In the coming period of post-war disillusionment and unemployment, capitalism will search around for some way to head off the swing of the masses to the left. Social Credit is striving for recognition from the capitalist class as the party to do this job in Canada. This movement will find fertile soil for a mushroom growth in the discontent of the veterans, workers and middle class if the socialist movement does not militantly combat it.

Let us learn from the mistakes of the German workers who failed to take Hitler seriously when he could have been easily destroyed. Now is the time to fight Social Credit before this reactionary movement grows into a genuine fascist party.

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FOR CCF GOV'TS IN PROVINCES!

FORD STRIKERS STAND FIRM IN BATTLE FOR ALL LABOUR

Auto Workers Locals Demand Spreading of Strike

At 10 o'clock on the morning of September 12, 10,000 workers at the Ford plant, Windsor, walked out. Their action brought to a climax over 2 years of unsuccessful conciliation and arbitration. The mass protests of the Ford workers finally smashed through the chains of the "No-Strike Pledge" with which the union officialdom had bound them. The conciliation board appointed on August 30, came to a deadlock. The union leadership no longer could keep the lid on and were forced to endorse the strike.

As the war drew to a close the company began to lay-off on a large scale. They cut the wages of many workers by transferring them to other departments where they were forced to take beginners' rates.

The boss dominated boards stalled as grievances mounted. Finally, the Conciliators, who have been working on the case since early last January, submitted a report. It granted the workers nothing and the union leaders were forced to tear it up.

The Ford plant has now been closed up tight for over four weeks. The largest picket lines in Windsor's history have successfully barred all entry. Labour grasped hands across the border when the Detroit UAW Ladies' Auxiliary marched in the Windsor picket lines, in a magnificent demonstration of solidarity. Sprinkled through the picket lines, wearing the red wedge caps of the Labour Day Parade, are soldiers in uniform. Many of the pickets wear their discharge but-

ON THE PICKET LINE IN WINDSOR

tons. No longer can the bosses lie that the army and veterans are hostile to the struggles of the workers.

The cry that the bosses now raise is that labour is halting reconversion. Yes! The Ford workers are out to stop reconversion at 25% wage cuts—reconversion to the conditions of 1929 and the relief lines.

The Ford workers' militant action was greeted with enthusiastic gestures of solidarity from coast to coast. Local 195, UAW-CIO,

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CCF Opposes Capitalist Parties in Elections

This month, in three provinces, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and British Columbia, the workers will go to the polls to elect provincial governments. It is very important that the workers elect candidates who will represent their interests as opposed to the interests of the bosses. Although the powers of the provincial governments have been whittled down still further by the Dominion Government in the war, provincial labour governments can be a great aid in the struggles of the workers for emancipation.

Labour Challenge supports the CCF in these elections. We call on the working people to elect CCF candidates and CCF provincial governments.

In giving support to the CCF, *Labour Challenge* means neither to endorse the program nor to assume political responsibility for the candidates of the CCF. *Labour Challenge* supports the CCF because it is the only workers' party contesting the elections on the basis of independent working class political action. The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is the only party fighting against the parties of the bosses, both Liberal and Conservative, in these elections.

LIBERALS AND TORIES UNITE

In Manitoba and British Columbia the CCF faces the combined opposition of both the Liberals and the Tories united in coalition. This is a logical development of the political struggle of the workers. The capitalist parties sink their pretended differences in an attempt to stave-off the inevitable victory of a workers' party.

In spite of the way the capitalist parties have rigged these elections the trend of the masses to the left in Canada and on an international scale will see gains made for the CCF. In Nova Scotia and Manitoba the CCF will win more seats. In British Columbia the CCF may form the next government.

The election in British Columbia is the one that has captured the interest of most workers for it is here, in Canada's third province, that class lines are most sharply drawn. The Tory-Liberal Coalition of Hart and Maitland is seeking re-election at the moment when thousands of workers laid off from shipyards and aircraft are vainly seeking work. The coalition has no program except a few public works projects, and promises of bringing in legislation that they failed to enact in the years before the elections. They are fighting the election on the issue of socialism versus capitalism.

ROLE OF L.P.P.

Bearing the brunt of the attack of the coalition the CCF stands alone as the only party opposing all elements of the capitalist coalition. The Stalinist Labour-Progressive Party which is contesting a number of seats is following the same class collaborationist policy it pursued in the elections of last June. Faced in B.C. with an united coalition its policy of supporting the Liberals against "the main enemy the Tories" is even more openly treacherous than it was in the federal election. The Stalinists criticize the CCF, in their paper the Pacific Advocate, for not uniting in the legislature with the Liberals and thus driving these "progressives" into coalition with the reactionary Tories. While seemingly opposing the Tory-Liberal coalition, the Stalinists continue to advocate support of the "good" Liberals.

The LPP call for electoral unity must be rejected on the grounds that their conception of unity embodies the idea of coalition of the workers' parties with the capitalist Liberal Party. The workers must reject the LPP candidates and their stooge organization the co-

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Launch Drive For Twice-Monthly Labour Challenge

On October 15, Labour Challenge is opening a campaign for $1,000 to launch Labour Challenge as a twice-monthly publication. Upon the successful completion of the drive on January 1, the twice-monthly will make its appearance.

The move to double the frequency of publication of Labour Challenge is dictated by the most pressing political considerations. The conclusion of the second imperialist war has sharpened the class struggle on a national and international scale. The first wave of post-war strikes is already spreading throughout the United States and Canada. The lies of the capitalist propagandists are becoming ever more threadbare. The war ends with neither peace nor prosperity. On the contrary another depression is in the making and the Third World War of the atomic bomb is already being prepared.

The beginnings of a great political awakening among the working class are already discernible. In Europe and in Asia, the oppressed masses are taking the road of struggle against the new imperialist oppressors, and out of their struggles grows the great hope that a new October will arise again in the world as it did in 1917 in Russia.

Labour Challenge is the only paper in the Dominion of Canada which bases itself on the tested doctrines of revolutionary Marxism. It is the only paper that has given a correct analysis of developments in the national and international labour movement. Labour Challenge has likewise proved in its brief few months existence that it is the only paper in Canada that consistently champions the struggles of the Canadian workers and provides a clear unambiguous program which alone is the key to victory.

Amidst fast-moving events it is not possible for Labour Challenge, as a monthly, to discharge its functions properly. Developments on the home and world front require more timely reporting; and a multitude of new problems crowd in for more immediate answers than is possible in a monthly paper. The Twice-monthly Labour Challenge will mark the first step towards its more effective participation in the class struggle.

At the same time twice-monthly publication will permit us to transform Labour Challenge into a more popular paper. Space will then be available for more extensive reporting on developments in the trade unions and in the workers parties; for columns that treat of workers problems in a lighter vein; and for numerous other improvements which cannot be indicated here for lack of space.

Groups supporting Labour Challenge throughout Canada have already been informed of the campaign and have greeted it with enthusiasm. They have assumed the quotas listed below which they will undertake for fulfilment by January 1st, 1946.

Toronto	$500
Montreal	150
Prince Rupert	50
Ottawa	50
Windsor	25
Saskatchewan	25
Miscellaneous	200
Total	$1,000

Besides these there are innumerable friends, subscribers of Labour Challenge whom our groups have not yet been able to contact. We are certain that they will desire to participate in this drive. It is to them that we address this appeal now to contribute generously to the $1,000 fund so that the Labour Challenge, the only revolutionary Marxist paper in Canada, may be a twice-monthly on New Years Day, 1946.

A scoreboard will be published from month to month showing the progress of the campaign.

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WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

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THE DEBATE ON THE SPEECH FROM

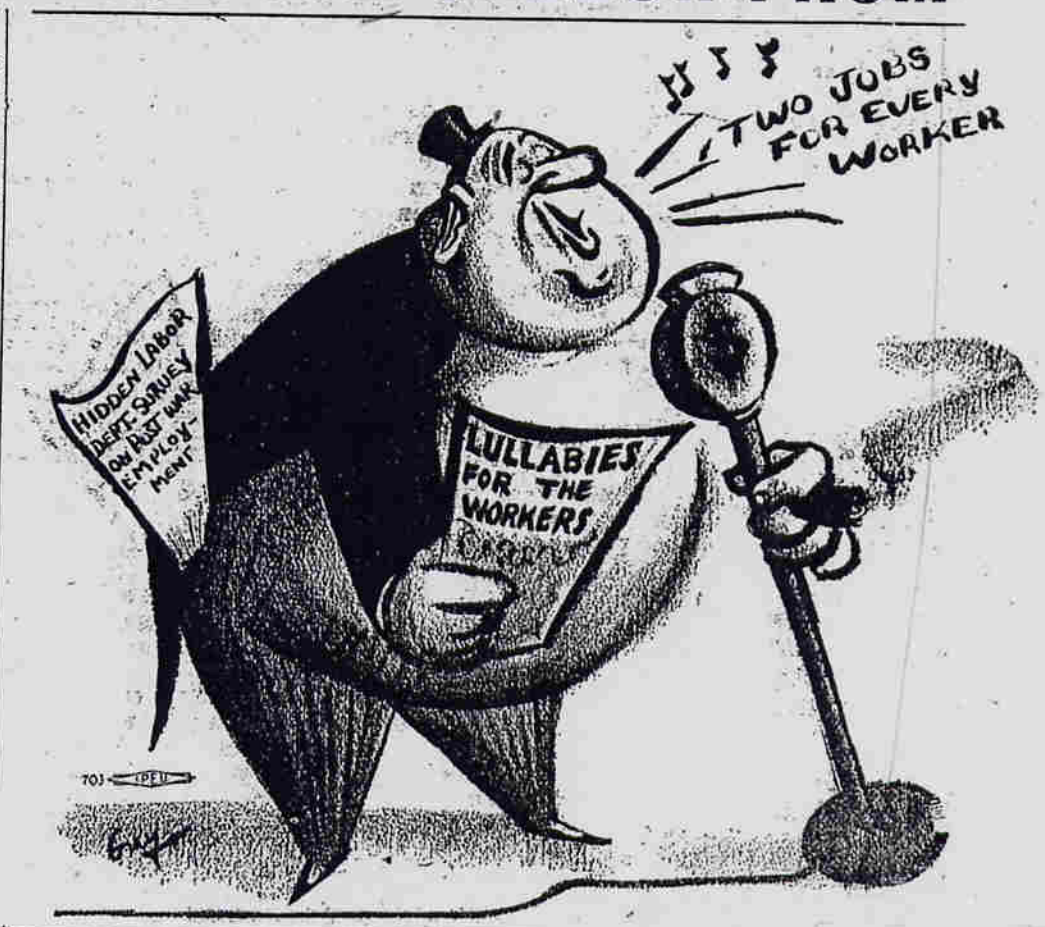
by PAUL KANE

The eyes of Canadian workers and farmers are turned on the 28 CCF members of parliament. Turned to watch their M.P.'s implement whatever aspects of their program that are possible in the Liberal and Conservative packed house and to hear them voice their needs and their demands. The 6th to the 27th of September was spent on the Speech from the Throne and the replies of the various parties and M.P.'s.

The Speech from the Throne traditionally contains in outline the program of the party in power - the capitalist Liberal Party, under the leadership of Mackenzie King. It is a masterpiece of political ambiguity. Full of the many promises that the Liberal Party made in order to capture the vote. The real speech from the Throne was given some weeks ago by Re-construction Minister Howe on post-war jobs and wages. He stated that workers would have to take big cuts in wages or else.

In reply to the throne speech the House leaders and M.P.'s are expected to counterpose their program to that of the Liberals.

The highlight of the debate was Harry Archibald's militant speech. The youthful CCF member from Skeena exposed the real program of Canadian capitalism. He contrasted the government's war promises with the realities that face us today. He exposed the inability of the capitalists to provide jobs and attacked the government's failure to protect the veterans. Archibald contrasted the government's attitude towards the war profiteers and towards the workers during the war and predicted if the government adheres to the same economic principles, we can expect an even greater depression than before the war. As a measure to provide jobs, he proposed that, "We rule out profits and run the economy for use. I should like to see them continue the operation of the government financed and government built plants." Archibald went on to say that, "The members of the CCF have come to the conclusion that only through the socialization of industry and the financial institutions will living standards rise and there be a continuous expansion of industry." He ended his speech—"I claim that a new system has to be brought into being, a system of socialism which is both national and international in outlook because it includes all those who need things in this world. Therefore, though I will support every measure that is introduced which will benefit the country, I maintain that only socialism will bring about real freedom and social justice."



M. J. Coldwell: "Will the Minister table the interim or complete report of the survey on post-war employment prospects made by this department last year which on March 23 last he stated was incomplete? Further, will he also table the report which I understand was made in August last by an interdepartmental committee appraising employment prospects in war and civilian industry?"

Humphrey Mitchell (Minister of Labour): "I want to thank my friend for giving no notice of this question but I think he will agree that it has become an established precedent in this house that memoranda submitted to a Minister by officials of his department are not subject to being tabled." September 20, 1945.

Except for Archibald's speech and one or two others there was a wide gulf between the electioneering attitude of the CCF members and their parliamentary opposition to Canadian capitalism's plans for the further pauperization of the Canadian people.

J. Bentley (CCF Swift Current) in his speech summed up what might be called the CCF policy in the house. His statement is supported in many other speeches and Coldwell's attitude of "constructive criticism" towards the King government.

Bentley said, "However, despite our lack of confidence in this free enterprise system, and because of our anxiety to have a prosperous and united Canada, we (CCF) have indicated our willingness to sink our differences and to do our best to make the present machinery work . . . I mentioned a little while ago that this group does not believe that the present administration at Ottawa have the

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right ideas or the right machinery to do the job they forecast in the speech from the throne. We are prepared to help them do it."

The paradox of socialist parliamentarians fighting to make capitalism work is repeated by the maverick Herridge. The so-called People's CCF member from Kootenay, stated that, "Not all those who support the capitalist system in this country are unprogressive." F. S. Zaplitny (CCF Dauphin) suggests that the Liberals carry out the tasks of the socialists—if private enterprise from now on fails to provide the needs of the people that they must be prepared to throw aside political prejudices and go into public enterprise and produce these needs.

Are the M.P.'s on the government benches only waiting to be convinced of the bankruptcy of capitalism? Is it only a matter of King, Bracken and Co.. having a wrong idea or a poor machine to do the job? Seated on the other side of the House are the political tools of the Ford's and McLean's, the Kirkland Lake mine-owners, the bankers and bosses. They are the defenders of the system, on the parliamentary front, which bears in it another and more terrible war, a system that dooms thousands of Canadian workers to sub-standard wages and unemployment.

There is general confusion among the CCF M.P.'s on their political role in the House of Commons.

Mrs. Strum (CCF Qu'Appelle) states: "It is very difficult for a new member to come to this House and find that all members agree that something is desirable and yet nobody wants to tackle it. I think that the hardest thing a new member has to put up with in this House is frustration."

Mr. McCuaig (CCF Maple Creek) stated, in reference to Ministers making definite regulations without consulting people in the industry concerned or parliament. "Is this the kind of thing that takes place in our departments of government? If it is we might as well go home."

Of course all of the CCF members don't talk like this. Max Campbell (CCF The Battlefords) in the debate on the throne speech quite correctly sees the cause of war in capitalist production. He has no illusions about parliament either. He states, "This small group of people who are directors in banks, insurance companies and industries of all kinds control the whole economic life of this country. When people think parliament is running this country they are just fooling themselves. I have no illusions as to that."

Yes, the CCF members are doomed to frustration if they fail to understand the nature of the capitalist parliament. The needs of the Canadian workers and farmers will not be answered by the boss packed House of Commons.

The strength of the CCF is not in persuasive argument with the Liberals, Conservatives or Social Crediters, but in voicing the demands of the workers and farmers and organizing them in extra-parliamentary struggle to achieve their ends.

The concessions that the CCF members will win for the workers will be wrung from the government by the mass action and the mass pressure of the Canadian workers and farmers. The bosses sat down, when the government attempted to limit war profits to 5 per cent, and won, because there was no movement to force the issue. In order to maintain its parliamentary foothold the CCF MP's must become the spokesmen, the levers, that will direct the mass pressure of the workers.

The CCF in parliament must represent the Ford workers, the miners in the Crow's Nest, the homeless veterans and jobless war workers. They must expose the alliance of the Liberals and Conservatives with Big Business and their real program. The strength of the CCF members is the strength of the CCF movement and the workers' and farmers' economic organizations. The CCF must adopt a program of action which is not only capable of rallying the masses of Canada but is capable of giving a militant and clear cut lead to its Members of Parliament.

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WINDSOR AUTO WORKERS URGE NATION-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE

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Action Saves Strike; Solidarity Will Win It

Locals 195 and 200 UAW-CIO demonstrate in front of Ford main gate.

As we go to press, the battle-lines of the Ford strike are being drawn across the Dominion. Windsor local 200 has flatly rejected the Mitchell-Ford plan to arbitrate a defeat for the Ford workers. UAW locals 200 and 195 have called for a one-day general strike of 700,000 members of the AFL and CCL. Labour is responding despite the sabotage of some "leaders". Labour Challenge heartily endorses this proposal just as it endorsed from the first the demand to spread the strike to other auto locals in Canada and Windsor.

The overwhelming strength of organized labor smashed plans of the Ford Empire and their government agents to crush the Ford workers.

Eighty-five hundred workers downed tools on Monday morning November 5 to swell the ranks of the Ford picket lines. The membership of Local 195, UAW-CIO at emergency meetings held throughout Sunday unanimously voted to strike. This militant action tied up 25 Windsor plants including Chrysler and General Motors and brought the wheels of Windsor industry to a grinding halt. One of the largest industrial cities in Canada lies paralyzed in the grip of organized labor.

Last week, Ford interests in conspiracy with the Conservative [illegible] and Liberal Federal week's end Ford's agents in Ottawa and Queen's Park uncovered their hand by shipping an army of police into Windsor.

Claire Gillis (CCF) stated in the House of Commons that: "The Provincial police and the R.C.M.P. in their war on the Windsor picket line declared a new war on the home front."

The government declared open and unashamed war on labor. But they failed to reckon with the temper of the Canadian workers. The workers met the government war preparations with a picket line over 10,000 strong. Barricades of commandeered buses and cars were swung into line cutting off all approaches to the plant. Strikers grimly prepared for the struggle with tin helmets, rubber hose and hatchets. This inspiring

Indonesians Fight Imperialism Workers Demand "Hands Off"

Under orders of His Majesty's Imperialist "labour" gov't British land, sea and air forces have laid down an exterminating barrage on the East Java city of Soerbaja, held by fighters for Indonesian freedom.

Heavy casualties were inflicted when British warships, standing offshore, combined with Thunderbolts and Mosquito planes to give the native population a taste of the "four freedoms".

The bombardment followed a refusal by Indonesian leaders to capitulate to ultimatums delivered by Major General Mansergh and Lieut-Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Allied commanders in Java.

The ultimatum demanded unconditional surrender, including return of all hostages, surrender of all arms, the arrest of the leader of the Youth Movement, the native police chief and Indonesian administrative heads. **In short—a return to colonial slavery!**

Meanwhile, throughout the world the revolt in Indonesia has given rise to some of the most inspiring demonstrations of workers' internationalism since the days of the Russian Revolution. In the forefront were 30,000 Australian workers who struck in support of the Indonesian struggle for independence.

The strike began when the executive of the Waterside Federation decided not to handle any ship on which the Indonesian crew was striking or which was carrying war materials to be used against the Indonesian workers and peasants. Four thousand dock workers were the first to strike and they were joined by 10,000 miners, 5,000 metal workers, 4,000 printers, 1,000 nurses and 600 powerhouse workers.

The protest movement is apparently spreading even to the armed forces. The press reports that a group of Australian air force men refused to fight on the side of the Dutch after they saw Dutch authorities shooting Indonesians without provocation.

In Singapore 7,000 dock workers went on strike on Oct. 23st in support of their Indonesian comrades.

In Ceylon the Trade Union Federation adopted resolutions informing the authorities that the workers would oppose any attempts to use the island as a base for operations against the Indonesians.

In India, an associate of Nehru, Dr. Atal, asked the Indian trade unions to organize strikes and demonstrations throughout the country to bring pressure on the Allies for the withdrawal of Indian troops from the East Indies.

Here in Canada the Vancouver Labour Council (CCL) unanimously passed a resolution demanding the withdrawal of British troops from Indonesia.

The militancy and internationalist spirit of the Australian workers in particular is the answer to the imperialist brand of "internationalism" which has been demonstrated in the Indonesian events.

With the end of the imperialist war in the Pacific the victorious and defeated "imperialists alike swiftly closed ranks against the rising revolutionary movement in Indo-China and Indonesia. As late as Oct. 15, two months after the Japanese surrender, the Netherlands News declared:

"The Japanese are still in control—under allied orders of course—of most areas of Java."

The following day INS reported that Britain had determined to lend its support to the suppression of the nationalist uprising in Java and to restore Dutch rule. On Oct. 18, British reinforcements began to arrive and simultaneously Japanese troops launched an attack on a number of Indonesian held towns. Britain's acts are not entirely in the interests of her Dutch junior partner for Britain has heavy investments in Java.

The British permitted Soekarno to broadcast an appeal by radio to the United States to act as mediator. This "mediator" also has interests in Java through such companies as Goodyear Tire, Standard Oil and General Motors. The proclaimed non-intervention policy of U.S. imperialism boils down to the removal of lend-lease labels from the weapons used to slaughter the Indonesian masses.

The strike of the Australian workers is in sharp contrast to the conduct of official "labour" leaders in the imperialist countries. The savage suppression of the Asiatic peoples is being carried out, not by Churchill's Tory regime, but by the ministers of a Labour Government.

And in Canada, at the very moment when the United Nations' Charter was being made a farce by the imperialist powers, the CCF leaders were endorsing it. By their support of the fraudulent charter the CCF leadership thus endorses the whole system of colonial oppression and aids in the preparation of new struggles for the redivision of the world. Com-

Picketing The Dutch Consulate

CCF MAKES GAINS IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

AN EDITORIAL

Contrary to the line of the capitalist and Stalinis press, the CCF scored a signal victory in the provincia elections held last October in Nova Scotia, Manitoba an British Columbia.

In Nova Scotia the CCF increased its vote from per cent in the last provincial election to 13 per cent of th total vote. In Manitoba the CCF doubled its percentag of the provincial poll to draw 34 per cent of the total vot —the largest number of votes polled by any single party i the provincial election. Although the CCF has been strong for some time in British Columbia it registered gain b also, increasing its percentage from 34 per cent to 37 p cent of all votes cast.

If, in spite of the increased support of the workin people, the CCF lost seats in Nova Scotia and British umbia, this can only be explained by the undemocrati electoral laws of Canada. Even in Manitoba, whe CCF increased its representation in the legislature fro 3 to 9, the CCF should now have 18 members in th lature on the basis of the number of votes it received. T

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workers, who are the strongest support of the CCF, have been gerrymandered out of their proportional representation. So undemocratic are the electoral laws of Canadian capitalist "democracy" that it is possible for a workers' party to have the support of the majority of the people but never form a government.

The Trend to the Left

An analysis of election returns in all three provinces shows that the trend to the left is continuing across Canada. This is revealed in the blotting out of the Tory Party in the Nova Scotia legislature. In Manitoba the election weakened the Conservative section of the Coalition. The formation of the Coalition of the boss parties in Manitoba and British Columbia and their united campaign in British Columbia revealed that the capitalists can no longer afford the luxury of two parties. This trend to the left is indicated most clearly in the growth of CCF support which is the expression of the desire of the working people to have their own party independent of the boss parties.

This swing to the left is only in its first stages for it is obvious from the returns that some sections of the farmers, who have enjoyed a certain degree of wartime prosperity, still have illusions that this situation will continue in the future under a capitalist regime. These same illusions dominate the thinking of many sections of the lower middle class. The hammer blows of the events of the next few years will shatter these illusions like glass.

The Stalinist Betrayal

Another, though not so important, factor in the failure of the CCF to win even wider support was the criminal wrecking role of the Stalinist Labour-Progressive Party. The Stalinists ran 21 candidates in British Columbia, several of them against sitting members of the CCF. In some cases they succeeded in directly electing the capitalist candidate. In other districts the confusion they spread demoralized sections of the workers who would have voted CCF.

The Stalinists opposed the CCF, in spite of the fact that they had no basic programmatic differences with the CCF, solely in the interests of Stalin's power politics. This was clearly revealed in the conditions the LPP candidate, Tom McEwen, gave the CCF in Comox as the price of his withdrawal from the contest.

Stalinist opposition to the CCF arises from the tendency of some CCF leaders to support the Anglo-American Bloc against the Soviet Union. But this opposition has nothing in common with the genuine defense of the Soviet Union since both the Stalinists and the CCF leaders they condemn are united in supporting the counter-revolutionary plans of the "Big Three" against the peoples of Europe and Asia. The LPP defends the Soviet bureaucracy — Not the Soviet Union!

The conclusions are inescapable: Either the Stalinists were attempting to blackmail the CCF and if unsuccessful were ready to see the victory of the Coalition; or they were directly buying themselves the good graces of the party in power, in an attempt to wean them towards Stalin's game of power politics. In either case, they were betraying the interests of the Canadian workers.

However, the workers repudiated the LPP at the polls. In proportion to the number of candidates they ran they received a smaller vote in this election than they did in the federal elecions of last June.

Weakness of C C F

The reasons cited by the British Columbia CCF leader, Harold Winch, that the CCF did not win a majority of seats because of an inadequate budget and official discrimination against many supporters whose names did not appear on the voters lists, fail to go to the root of the problem.

The CCF is paying a heavy price for the policy of its leadership to mould the party into merely an electoral apparatus. Such an organization holds no attraction for the workers and limits the party to careerists, self-seekers, union bureaucrats and petty bourgeois "do-gooders".

The CCF leadership has not been in the vanguard of the struggle over reconversion. At best it has made a few "constructive" suggestions to the plans of the ruling capitalist party. It doesn't mobilize the masses in struggle jointly with the trade unions; it stands off on the sidelines as a spectator chiding the masses for their stupidity in not voting for them when they had the chance. This is one of the consequences of the failure of the CCF to transform itself into a genuine labour party based on the trade unions.

The CCF leaders will probably say that they failed to become the government because the present program is too radical and frightened away the middle class and farmers. Just the contrary is true. When the farmers and middle class turn away from the capitalist parties they will look for a militant alternative. They will look for an organization which will show them the way to fight monopoly capitalism which they see as the main enemy. If the workers' party does not appear the most uncompromising opponent of Big Business willing to carry the fight to the end, the middle class will be repelled into the outstretched arms of the fascists.

C C F Foreign Policy

Despite the growing disillusionment of the masses about the war and the exposure of the war aims of the capitalist powers the CCF leaders still deceive the working people that this war was a war against fascism. They remain hand in glove with the capitalist politicians who are preparing the way for the Atomic War. The CCF cannot have a genuine socialist program at home if it remains tied to the foreign policy of the capitalist powers.

The leaders of the CCF are silent about the suppression of the struggles of the colonial peoples for independence. Behind this silence may rest the theory that expansion of Canadian export markets will improve the lot of the Canadian workers. This is a shameful betrayal of internationalism. Labour in one part of the world cannot be free while Labour anywhere is enslaved. It is not even necessary to speak of the economic fallacy of this slavemaster's theory in the epoch of the decline of imperialism on a world scale.

What conclusions must the militants in the CCF draw from these elections?

Some Conclusions

In the period immediately ahead the workers will take the road of struggle against the postwar plans of the bosses. The Ford strike is merely the beginning of this struggle. It will be made sharper by the control of the provincial governments by the capitalist parties. In these strike waves the CCF will be put to the test every day of the week.

The answer is clear. The CCF must transform itself from a middle class electoral apparatus into a workers'

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party based on the trade unions. The CCF program must be altered to attack the interests of monopoly capitalism to the extent of the most drastic changes in the economic structure of Canada.

But CCF militants must understand that this task cannot be entrusted to the Coldwells and Lewises whose reformist philosophy leads them to compromise precisely when the struggle grows most acute.

It is necessary for the CCF militants to understand that only the program of revolutionary Marxism, which alone provides a correct analysis of the nature of the capitalist state and process of the class struggle, shows the road to power.

The events of the past two decades have shown that Social-Democracy and Stalinism have led only to defeat, fascism and war. Only on the basis of revolutionary Marxism can the class conscious militants prepare for the victory of the working class.

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MANAGER'S COLUMN

Labour Challenge in the Election and on the Picket Line

In the last issue of Labour Challenge we announced the successful conclusion of our first subscription campaign. We achieved 110% of our goal. Our friends and supporters are now in the midst of putting over the campaign to make Labour Challenge a Twice-Monthly. Elsewhere in this issue you will see a report of how that campaign is progressing. While this campaign is now receiving the major part of the attention of our supporters, the Labour Challenge builders are still sending in the subscriptions.

Here is a report of the subscriptions received last month:

Toronto, Ont.	20
Yukon Territory	7
Prince Rupert, B.C.	7
Montreal, Que.	5
Vancouver, B.C.	4
Magna Bay, B.C.	3
Winnipeg, Man., and Sudury, Ont. (each)	2

Quebec City, Saskatchewan and Sarnia, Ont., one each. This makes a total of 53 subscriptions for October.

Not only is Labour Challenge gaining new subscribers every month, but newsstand sales are increasing. F. K of Vancouver reports that one stand which formerly sold 10 copies, increased its order to 20 and now to 40 copies of each issue.

This issue of Labour Challenge will make its appearance on the newsstands in Sudbury, Ontario, and Nanaimo, B.C.,

Five hundred copies of the last issue of Labour Challenge, calling for the spreading of the Ford Strike, were distributed on the picket line at Windsor. Our distributors tell us the paper was very well received by the strikers.

Five hundred copies of the last issue were also distributed at the plant gates of General Motors in Oshawa.

In the Vancouver district our supporters distributed 1,500 copies of the October issue, which carried the headline "For CCF Govt's in Provinces." This distribution was a part of Labour Challenge's contribution to the campaign of the CCF in the provincial elections in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and British Columbia.

We received a very interesting letter from the President of the Nickel City Division of the CB of RE, A. V. Whalen, and here is a few quotes from it.

"Congratulations on the paper. It strikes us as being a live wire every issue.

"If possible we would appreciate two copies of all back issues; one for the files, one for the Bulletin Board at the job. Our union is affiliated to the CCF, and we believe it is reasonable to assume there will be many more subscriptions forthcoming from our group."

The idea of displaying Labour Challenge on bulletin boards in union halls or on the job is one we highly recommend. We hope other workers who may have the opportunity to do so, will follow the example of our correspondent from Sudbury.

Along the same line Labour Challenge is prepared to give exchange subscriptions to all trade union and labour publications that are not on our lists. We will also give free subscriptions to any unions which have libraries or reading rooms for their members

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Friends of Labour Challenge Celebrate October Revolution ✓

Toronto, Nov. 7.—More than 100 readers and supporters of LABOUR CHALLENGE gathered at the Local 112, UAW-CIO Hall here tonight. This highly successful first public meeting of the Friends of Labour Challenge was called to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

The first event on the program was the showing of the remarkable film TSAR TO LENIN. This film is a compilation of moving pictures, taken on the spot, of the actual events of those heroic days. The audience of many young workers, active trade unionists and their friends, followed the film and the commentary of Max Eastman with intense interest.

After the showing of the film, Comrade Clark delivered a very fine address on the Soviet Union Today. Speaking for about an hour, to an attentive audience, he outlined in clear and forceful style the causes of the degeneration of the Soviet Union under the Stalinist bureaucracy. Comrade Clarke pointed out the lessons of the October Revolution for the Canadian workers.

The story of the Russian Revolution as it developed was well told in film Tzar to Lenin. For the first time in Canada, the events, before, during and immediately after the first successful workers revoultion flashed across the screen. The Tzar and his court, the Mensheviks and the Bolsheviks, the White Guard Generals and their captalist supporters were all seen in action. When the first shots of Lenin and later Trotsky were shown, returning from exile, a round of applause broke out.

In quick succession, the film pictured the events leading up to the February Revolution, which toppled the Tzar from his throne. Then came the failure of the Liberals and Mensheviks to answer the needs of the hour. The growth of the Bolshevik party wth its slogans of All Power to the Soviets, Peace, Land and Bread, is graphically portrayed, leading to the October Revolution and the establishment of the first workers' state.

Vividly pictured is the attack of the capitalist armies of intervention and the defence of the young Soviet Republic by Trotsky's Red Army. The showing of the film which runs for about an hour closed with some remarkable shots of Lenin amidst the applause of the audience.

Following the showing of the film and the lecture the chairman, Comrade Ross Dowson, made a strong appeal on behalf of the **Campaign to make Labour Challenge a Twice-Monthly.** The enthusiastic audience rose to the occasion and contributed $108 in cash and pledges towards the objective of the Toronto group.

This inspiring meeting then closed with the singing of The Internationale.

LEFT JABS

By LEFTY

THE ADVANTAGES OF DEPRESSIONS

During the war, the bosses promised a glorious post-war world with streamlined bathtubs, walkie-talkie radios, television and helicopters for everybody. Especially they promised full employment. Many people knew it was suckerbait but enough fell for it to make P. T. Barnum green with envy. Millions paid with their lives, as well as their money to see the show. And now that the curtain rises on depression instead of prosperity, the drummers are back at work telling the people its all for their "own good" anyhow. One of the drummers, Ralph R. Blodgett, advertising executive, writes in the magazine, Automotive and Advertising Industries:

"It is to be hoped that depressions are never abolished, for they have many desirable features. Those who learn to 'ride the cycle' can find as many advantages in depressions as in booms. Let us not forget that we need those 'depressions'."

When the next depression comes, Blodgett ought to be made to try the "liquid savings" of the soup lines for about five years. Just to give him a taste of some of the "rich opportunities."

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INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

In Germany too it is the workers who pay for the crimes of the fascists while the owners of the big corporations, who supported Hitler, get off easy. An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin, October 23, reports:

"The Allied Control Council has increased taxes on German wages by 25 per cent and raised corporation taxes 6¼ per cent."

This is another example of capitalist solidarity which blandly ignores boundary lines, nationality and "war aims" when it comes to protecting the interests of their own kind. Let the workers take note. And do likewise.

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Capitalists Prepare Peace-time Army

By ROSS DOWSON

The collapse of the council of Foreign Ministers at London bared the sharpening contradiction in interests between the victors of World War II. They proved unable to come to an agreement over the prostrate bodies of their vanquished rivals.

On Oct. 27, President Truman, voicing the imperialist demands of Wall St., announced America's determination to police the world: peace through armed might; peace through suppression of all opposition. This can only mean peace through war. The blue prints for the Third Imperialist War are now being drawn up. The contradictory rival interests of the Big Powers are so great that they already prepare for a new, a more terrible, holocaust.

THERE IS NO PEACE

In the words of General Smuts: "The immediate prospects are dark and ominous in the extreme. Developments now rapidly on the march in Europe and the failure of the Council of Foreign Ministers to agree are ominous in the extreme."

LABOUR CHALLENGE declared in September: There Is No Peace!—there is no peace under capitalism. Events are rapidly confirming its analysis.

The drums of World War III. throb across Canada before the veterans of World War II. are demobilized and while the hospitals are still choked with its victims. Government proposals in the House of Commons on the Canadian Armed Forces peacetime strength were considered too small. So far the plans specify a 10,000 man navy, an 18,000 man reserve, a 15 to 20,000 man airforce and a 20 to 25,000 man active or permanent force army. St. James and Bay St. is preparing to receive its share from the table of its Anglo-American imperialist patrons.

The ground for peacetime conscription is being carefully prepared. Wide publicity and favourable comments met President Truman's plea for peacetime conscription of American youth. The Canadian Gallup Poll has started its job of forming public opinion with carefully worded questions that attempt to make conscription for military training look like a health and physical fitness program.

RUMOURS OF CONSCRIPTION

Rumours of peacetime conscription fill the air but none of the cynical politicians as yet dare face it. They sniff at it, circle around it but are silent. They dare not face the reaction of the masses. They dare not tell the mothers and fathers that their sons died in vain. They dare not reveal that the destruction of Europe and Japan brings no peace, that to thousands of men doomed to die will be added many thousands more.

Class conscious workers are looking to the CCF. What will its stand be on the preparation for the next imperialist war? The CCF entered World War II under the leadership of the late J. S. Woodsworth with a pacifist program. At the first blow of the war this program was repudiated by all the M.P.'s but the former national leader. As the war developed the CCF adopted a policy of conscription of wealth before conscription of manpower. This was also repudiated when the M.P.'s voted for conscription of manpower and all the war credits after conscription of wealth had been defeated. These social patriots in the CCF now prepare the ground for a new betrayal. The first soundings are in a symposium in the Ontario CCF NEWS, (Oct. 11, 1945:)

THE CCF "DICUSSION"

In this so-called discussion, pseudonyms such as "Pericles" and "Diogenes" are used according to the editor to "avoid personalities" and to keep the discussion on a "principled" plane.

Who are these leaders who fear to bind themselves with a position on this all-important question? Why don't they face the thousands of Canadian youth who, repelled by the capitalist morass of death and destruction, turned to the CCF looking for an answer? Are they preparing to hand these veterans and the veterans-to-be back to the hated brass hats?

The unprincipled character of the discussion is baldly revealed by "Sappho" who remarks that there should be no conscription of manpower without conscription of wealth, but since the present reactionary government won't consider conscription of wealth, we must encourage young men of 18 to accept. This cowardly capitulation is known to some CCF circles as "practical politics".

WHAT IS UNO?

The common basis of agreement of all the contributors is the acceptance of the United Nations Organization as an "instrument of peace". Revolutionary socialists must take an unequivocal stand on this question. What is the United Nations organization? It is sufficient to ask: Where is it? It does not exist except in the minds of these social patriots. It is already torn asunder by the conflicting interests of the big powers in their struggle for the spoils of war.

Even if successfully organized, the UNO can only be the tool of American imperialism, with British imperialism as a junior partner. It can only be a new edition of the League of Nations which Lenin once so aptly called "a thieves kitchen". Hiding behind the screen of the UNO the big powers will prepare new alignments and new divisions of the globe which can only lead to the next and possibly world disintegrating holocaust. Peace through the United Nations Organization is as much a fraud as "peace through disarmament" was after World War I.

ANTI-LABOUR ARMY

Two of the contributors in the CCF symposium hope to evade the issue of peacetime conscription by making "service in the military forces freely chosen with good terms of employment". They believe that voluntary enlistments then would make conscription unnecessary. Revolutionary socialists can have nothing in common with this ostrich-like policy towards the peacetime or the war-time army.

Today British workers in uniform are being compelled to drown in blood the Indonesian struggle for national independence. Thousands of British troops were used to smash the English dockworker's strike. Canadian troops were used to break the picket lines at Stratford, Ont. in peace and at Shawinigan Falls and Arvida in war. Such reactionary use of the armed forces is only possible because the officer caste has the power of life and death over the ranks.

Almost without exception the officer corps is formed from the ranks of the capitalist class. This war has furnished many examples of the anti-labour solidarity of the officers of all armies and their distinctly fascist sympathies. The Royal Military College is a breeding ground for fascist brass hats. We cannot permit the youth to be thrown into the arms of the class enemy to be used against their comrades in Canada and abroad.

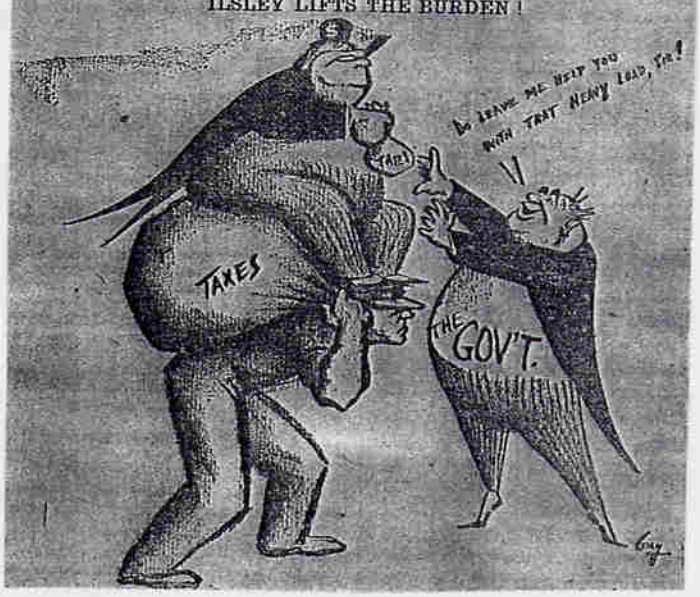
PACIFISM BANKRUPT

The workers cannot turn their backs on the problem of military training. Pacifism in all its forms has proved twice bankrupt. Twice in a generation, World War I, World War II, it has been powerless to solve world problems. On the contrary, pacifism disarms the workers for the struggle aganst war and paves the way for war by spreading the great illusion that peace is possible under capitalism.

In this epoch of wars and revolutions the working class must have a military policy of its own. It cannot allow military training to remain in the hands of the bosses and the brass hat clique unless it wishes to commit suicide.

The workers must demand: Dissolution of the Royal Military College. Selection of the officers from the ranks and their training in special schools financed by the government under control of the trade unions.

Trade Union control of military training financed by the government!



Out Of Their Own Mouths

Under the caption "High Command Nazi-Minded", Canadian Press (Nov. 5) reports a speech of Col. T. G. Norris, M.C., before a reunion of the 196th Battalion Association in Vancouver.

Col. Norris declared that the "high-ups" in the permanent Canadian Army have a "Nazi mentality and regard men of the ranks as mere machines." He further stated that the "higher-ups" had mismanaged the Overseas Army.

Col. Norris, now a civilian, was overseas as Judge Advocate-General attached to Field Marshall Montgomery's headquarters.

SOCIALISM ON TRIAL

By D. WHITESIDE

The history of the labour movement has furnished us with numerous examples of workers' leaders dragged before the bar of capitalist justice to answer for the "crime" of leading the struggles of the workers for socialism. In many of these trials, struggling against a prejudiced judiciary, the leaders of the workers proved their heroism from the dock. To the list of names of such leaders, and in the first rank, must be added the names of the defendants in the Minneapolis Sedition Trials.

The 112-page pamphlet, "SOCIALISM ON TRIAL", now being offered to the workers of Canada by the LABOUR CHALLENGE book service, is the official court record of the testimony of James P. Cannon, chief defendant, in this trial. With the assistance of defense counsel Albert Goldman, himself a defendant, Cannon turned the court into a forum for his revolutionary socialist convictions. In his testimony, Comrade Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party of the United States, not only unswervingly defended his ideas, but took the offensive against the capitalist system.

In explaining the program of his party to the workers of the United States and the world, to whom he looked as the real judge and jury, Cannon performed an invaluable service. For his testimony stands as probably the finest explanation of the basic principles of socialism.

The trial of the 28 leaders of the SWP and the Minneapolis Teamsters' Union received little publicity in the Canadian capitalist press. Therefore it is necessary to explain to the Canadian workers the reasons why the capitalist class persecuted the leaders of the Socialist Workers Party.

WHY SWP LEADERS WERE CHARGED

This trial, at which 18 of the 28 defendents were convicted and sentenced for terms of 12 to 16 months, was a sequel to the militant struggles of Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544 against the bosses and the AFL bureaucracy. It was also a step by the Roosevelt administration to stifle the unrelenting opposition of the SWP to America's entry into the imperialist war.

In 1934, a handful of Trotskyists employed in the coal yards began to organize the truckdrivers and helpers in Minneapolis, a notoriously open shop city. In May of that year, with a membership which had grown from 300 to 5,000, the union called a general strike which resulted in substantial gains for the workers. In July, because of constant chiselling and contract breaking by the bosses, another strike was called which lasted for five weeks.

In the course of this strike, the state militia was called out, and all the forces of the government were brought to bear on the strikers. However, due to resolute leadership and careful planning the union won a sweeping victory. The militant, class struggle policy of the local, which won increases and conditions for the workers, brought it into continual conflict with the class collaborators of the international head office.

In the spring of 1941, Daniel J. Tobin, President of the Teamsters International and one of the yes-men of the Roosevelt administration, launched an attack on the leaders of Local 544. He denounced the Trotskyists in the TEAMSTERS JOURNAL, his personal organ. Shortly after, he ordered the leadership of Local 544 to stand trial before his Executive Board. When the leaders of 544 refused to allow the appointment of a receiver over the union with absolute powers, including the right to expel anyone, Tobin moved to get control of the union. Tobin's actions were dictated by his fear and hatred of the leadership of Local 544 and of the Socialist Workers Party who refused to abandon their militant struggle against the bosses and give political support to Roosevelt as he prepared the entry of the U.S. into the second imperialist war.

On June 9, 4000 members of Local 544 voted almost unanimously to disaffiliate from Tobin's organization and accept a charter from the CIO.

ROOSEVELT AIDED TOBIN

Immediately after the Minneapolis workers gave their local union leaders a vote of confidence, Tobin appealed to Roosevelt for aid. Four days later, Roosevelt's secretary, Stephen Early, told the White House press conference that Tobin had complained to Roosevelt. He further stated, "When I advised the President of Tobin's representations, he asked me to immediately have the government departments and agencies interested in this matter notified."

Thus the "great democrat" Roosevelt took steps to subvert the majority desires of the Minneapolis truckdrivers on behalf of his friend Tobin, for favours received. This was the first move to silence the advocates of socialism so that their opposition to the entry of the U.S. into the war should not be heard.

JAMES P. CANNON
National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party of the United States.

Thereafter events moved swiftly to a climax. On June 27, 1941, FBI agents raided the offices of the SWP in St. Paul and Minneapolis, seizing large quantities of Marxist literature.

THE INDICTMENT

Less than a month later, on July 16, 1941, an indictment drawn up by the Department of Justice was handed down by a Federal grand jury against 29 men and women.

Count one of this indictment was based on a long forgotten statute passed during the American Civil War in 1861, aimed at the Southern slaveholders. It charged a conspiracy to overthrow the government by force and violence.

Count two charged: 1. Advocating the overthrow of the government by force. 2. Publishing and circulating literature advocating this. 3. Forming organizations to teach, advocate and encourage such overthrow. 4. Becoming members of such organizations. 5. Distributing publications which advised, counselled and urged insubordination in the armed forces.

This count was based wholly on the Smith "Gag" act, which makes the mere advocacy of ideas a Federal crime. The constitutionality of this act had been challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union and a host of others. The sponsor of this ultra-reactionary law was Rep. Howard W. Smith, southern bourbon leader of the anti-labour bloc in Congress, and co-author of the vicious Smith-Connally anti-strike law.

On Oct. 27, 1941, the trial began in the Federal District Court in Minneapolis. The principal government evidence consisted of innumerable quotations from the Trotskyist press back as far as 1929. Public writings, addresses of the defendants, radio speeches and leaflets openly distributed by the thousands were put forward as proof of "conspiracy"

THE CONVICTION AND APPEAL

After a trial lasting three weeks the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on the first count. On the second count they declared 18 of the defendants guilty.

The Civil Rights Defense Committee, in collaboration with the American Civil Liberties Union, assisted the 18 in appealing the case to a higher court. On Sept. 20, 1943, this court, contrary to all traditions of democracy, upheld the conviction.

The Civil Rights Defense Committee then carried the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Unions representing more than five million workers demanded the reversal of the lower court's verdict and the repeal of the Smith 'Gag' act. But the Supreme Court, composed almost entirely of appointees of Roosevelt, author of "the four freedoms", refused even to hear the case.

Three appeals to the court were turned down without explanation. On December 31, 1943, the 18 surrendered to commence their terms. After serving the penitentiary sentences, imposed upon them by capitalist justice, the 18 were all released by the spring of this year. Once again they resumed their places in the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party relieving those who had carried on the work of the party in their absence. They proceeded straight from the prison gates to resume their place in the vanguard of the struggles of the American workers.

TRIALS IN CANADA

In the history of Canadian labour there have been two outstanding trials of working class leaders. The first was the trial of the leaders of the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919, and the second was the trial of eight leaders of the Communist Party 10 years later. In both cases the defendants were charged under Section 98 of the Criminal Code which has since been repealed as a result of the pressure of the labour movement.

In the Winnipeg Trial, the defendants made no strong attempt to defend their socialist principles. Their defense was based on the right of free speech, bolstered by quotations from the ancient Greek philosophers Aristotle and Socrates.

The eight leaders of the Stalinist party, who were sentenced under Section 98, carried on a principled fight in the court. But the defense they put up then for the principles of socialism has since been negated by their subsequent role in the labour movement. Every revolutionary statement that Tim Buck made in the capitalist court at Toronto, he has since betrayed in the interests of Stalin's counter - revolutionary aims.

The servile social-patriotic policy of the Stalinist Tim Buck and his party, in support of the imperialist war, stands in sharp contrast to the revolutionary Marxist position of the defendants in the Minneapolis trial.

CANNON'S STAND EDUCATES WORKERS

While the capitalist propaganda machine was whipping up the patriotic prejudices of the American public in preparation for the war and attempting to create a lynch spirit against the SWP, Cannon told the court: "The conflict between American imperialism and German imperialism is for the domination of the world. It is true that Hitler wants to dominate the world, but we think that it is equally true that the ruling group of American capitalists has the same idea, and we are not in favour of either of them."

Tens of thousands of copies of this pamphlet have been sold in the United States. In England under the name of "The A. B. C. of Trotskyism", it has enjoyed great popularity. South American Marxists have translated it into Spanish and it is used as a basic Marxist text book. The testimony of the leader of the SWP is more than the record of how revolutionary socialists defend themselves in the courts; it is the clearest introduction to the principles of scientific socialism in any language. Every class conscious worker must read it.

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Subscribers in Vancouver have mailed in donations. Many thanks. We are tallying them under Vancouver in order to prime the pump. Prince Rupert, Ottawa and Windsor haven't broken the barrier yet, but we are told to expect big things.

A comrade from Wiseton, Sask., who has already sent in $5.00, "hopes to be in Saskatoon again soon and intends to see some of the fellows about sending in some funds."

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FORD STRIKE IN DANGER

By ROSS DOWSON

The Ford strike which flared up on September 12 and in its course was an inspiration to all Canadian labour has suffered in the past few weeks a series of great set-backs.

As we go to press the Policy and Negotiating Committees of Local 200 (UAW-CIO) have announced new terms for the settlement of this three month old strike. The new policy is an offer to arbitrate union security. The decision of the arbitrator, who is to be appointed by renegade Humphrey Mitchell, is to be rendered in twenty-four hours and will be binding on both sides. The remaining twenty-one points in dispute are to be negotiated and arbitrated upon the workers' return to work. This policy is obviously merely a modified version of the Ford Company offer of some four weeks ago.

This proposal, one that would have been ruthlessly rejected even as late as a week ago, has great danger of now being accepted. It has already been endorsed unanimously by the stewards and sub-stewards who last week were the first opposition to the Mitchell formula.

What has happened to the Ford Strike?

On Sunday, November 4, 8,500 workers of Local 195 downed tools to swell the ranks of the Ford picket line. The next morning the combined strength of these UAW locals met the invasion of two hundred and thirty Federal and Provincial police and their threat to the picket line with a gigantic and impenetrable barricade of cars, buses and trucks. This barricade, a magnificent display of union strength remained for three days labour's answer to boss violence until it was removed at the demands of the local leadership.

These militant actions saved the strike from the pressure and in-

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Worker's Barricade - 1945 Model

of the giant barricade of autos, trucks and busses which the workers of Windsor estab-
l to successfully block use of police forces sent by the Liberal and Tory governments of
/a and Toronto, to smash the strike. This blockade on Riverside Avenue is over a mile long.
notor blockade was the militant highlight of the strike.

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225,000 GM Workers Strike For 30% Raise

The first big post-war battle of American labour and the biggest strike in U.S. history began at 11 a.m. on

FORD STRIKE

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timidation of big business and their government agents. The sympathy strike of Local 195 was but the forecast of the rising anger of Canadian labour and its determination to see a union victory against the Ford empire.

Local after local of the CIO and the AFL rallied to the side of the Ford workers. At this stage the national trade union leadership under great pressure from this movement that spread from coast to coast voiced cautious threats to bosses of sympathetic strike action. Although Local 195 executive applying to the International to support Local 200 by strike were told: "It is not sound policy." Alex MacAusane, first vice-president of the CCL attacked their sympathy strike.

Ford, bloated with the profits of the Second Imperialist War and braced by enormous resreves and kick-backs from excess profits tax, made it clear that this strike was not to take on normal forms. Ford represents the giant Canadian monopolies who are out to drive a great gap in the gains made by the unions during the war and to smash all agreements. As Ford goes so goes the nation, reads one of the picket signs.

This strike soon proved that it was not to be won on the Ford picket linealone but only by the concerted mass pressure of Canadian labour. The union bureaucrats terrorized by the roused strength of their members had hoped to pressure the government to compel Ford to come to terms by the mere threat of action. They met with dismal failure. They now scurried to cap the rising militancy of the workers

Scattered one-day strikes broke out in Brantford, Sarnia, Kitchener in spite of them. But Millard, Mosher, Conroy and their AFL counterparts succeeded in playing their vile role. Sympathy action was smashed.

The leadership of Locals 200 and 195 under the direct pressure of the steeled picket lines and recognizing that the needs of the strike—the spreading of it—meant a bitter fight with the national leadership, threw in the chips. They evaded their responsibilities and threw their burden and the fate of the strike into Conroy's and the international leader's hands.

Conroy and company in the following weeks showed the vast gulf that existed between their conciliatory collaborationist attitude and the mood of the picket line. But it was not until the November 29th mass meeting that its real breadth was disclosed. On November 27, Mosher, Conroy, Addes, along with George Burt and Roy England accepted Humphrey Mitchell's plan—the bosses' plan for smashing the strike. This plan, of back to work and leave the question of union security to an arbitrator, was presented to the membership. So confident were they that the members had been sufficiently softened up for the sell out, Conroy did not even speak. After a long harangue by the united leadership the workers rejected this plan by a vote of 52% against and 48% for.

The workers rejected this sell-out by the local and national leadership while under great pressure. The two hundred and thirty police kept the picket lines tense. Attorney-General Blackwell launched a slanderous inflamatory attack against the Ford strike. The entire local and national leadership opposed them but they stood firm. The joint policy committee of Local 195 and 200 convinced that the members would accept the Mitchell formula and adding pressure for this decision, agreed unanimously the day before the mass meeting that the locals of 195 should hold meetings to consider a return to work. General Motors and Chrysler workers have returned to their benches. The Ford workers stand alone.

No sooner had the vote been announced when rumours spread of a new vote, a referendum under government supervision. Back to work petitions appeared on the streets. Windsor business men, professional men and clergymen planned to bring about a second vote but were halted by the announcement of the new terms of settlement submitted by the Policy and Negotiating committees of Local 200. This is the plan of arbitration of union security. The leadership now wait for Ford's reply.

The events that led up to the present perilous situation can not be solely explained by the reactionary role of the national trade union leadership of Addes, Mosher, Conroy and company.

The CCF, struggling for recognition as Canada's Labour Party, has much to answer for the present situation. C. H. Millard played a leading role in smashing the great move for sympathy strike action. He denied this necessity and attempted to terrify the workers with its possible scope which terrified only himself. The CCF lecturing the workers on the political lessons of last June's elections stepped aside from the struggle. They characterized the strike as an LPP fight and left it to their tender mercies. In the municipal elections being held in the midst of this great labour battle, CCF candidates have conducted a despicable red baiting campaign against the LPP.

But the role of the LPP which hastens to attack the CCF and the trade union bureaucrats for the position of the Ford strike can least afford inspection. Almost the entire leadership of Locals 195 and 200 is under the influence of the LPP. This is the leadership that placed control of the strike in Addes-Conroy hands. This is the leadership that was in position but was afraid to combat the strike-breaking labour bureaucrats. The LPP fought for the aceptance of the Mitchell formula and today brings forth the new proposals for sell out—the old revamped Ford Company offer.

The great lesson of this strike is the urgent necessity for the creation of a genuine left wing in the trade union movement. A left wing that is prepared to fight th bosses and their political stooges, the Liberal and Conservative parties. A movement that will fight all forms of class collaboration and prepare for the great struggles that lie ahead.

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The Atomic Bomb and World War 3

By PAUL KANE

Recently American engineers cut up and destroyed Japanese atomic research equipment at the Nishina Laboratory in Tokyo. Five cyclotrons, one a 200 ton giant made in U.S.A. were turned into scrap by order of General MacArthur. While the occupational troops proceeded with their work of destruction U.S. scientists said Japan's progress toward developing the atomic bomb had been of no importance. Scientists at Oak Ridge, Tenn., cradle of the bomb, charged the U.S. authorities who destroyed the cyclotrons with "a wanton stupid crime against mankind." American officials released no statement.

Japan lies prostrate at the feet of the American colossus—made powerless by the blot-out bombing of her industry, loss of colonial possessions and world markets and the agonizing debt of over a decade of war.

On Nov. 15, just prior to the destruction of the cyclotrons, King, Attlee and Truman met in conference in Washington. One of the decisions of the conference according to the joint declaration was, "to promote the use of recent and future advances in scientific knowledge, particularly in the utilization of atomic energy for peaceful and humanitarian needs." One week later the Japanese cyclotrons were destroyed.

AMERICA PREPARES FOR THE ATOMIC AGE

Dr. Linus Pauling, chemistry head at the California Institute of Technology, announced, on Dec. 4, that between 100 and 200 atomic bombs are now in existence in the United States and that there was no reason to believe there may not be 1000 bombs in the U.S. next year.

Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, the scientist who headed the making of atomic bombs at Los Alanos, New Mexico, predicts atomic bombs cheap enough so that tens of thousands of them may be dropped in the next war.

A Nov. 17, A.P. despatch, with official confirmation, states that the development staff of the infamous Nazi V weapon base at Peenemuende were brought over in September to help the U.S. "take full advantage of these significant developments which are deemed vital to our national security."

While Attlee, King and Truman conferred at the White House the victorious Dwight Eisenhower testified before Congress in support of Truman's request for universal military training for the United States.

On Dec. 4, legislation was passed more than doubling peacetime personnel strength of the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps.

THERE IS NO PEACE

American preparations for the atomic age have sent all the world powers scurrying for counter preparations. The atomic bomb race is on. The rhapsodic dreams of the Liberals of a world with atomic energy, atomic cars, planes, heated homes, have dissipated in the cold light of reality. Atomic power in the hands of capitalism ushers in a new era but not one of atomic liberation but an era of super imperialism, an era of war and continual threat of war—an era of atomic destruction.

Churchill greeted the new era—"We should make atomic bombs ourselves, and have them here . . ." Molotov said, "We will have atomic energy." Truman stated, "The possession in our hands of this new power of destruction we regard as a sacred trust."

The United States already the powerful possessor of the bomb doubles its research to improve its effectiveness. The British Labour government has voted thousands of pounds to continue investigation. Stalin grants unlimited resources to Soviet scientists to continue their research and has ordered Kaganovich, chief of Soviet heavy industry, to develop the bomb in two years and defence against it in six months.

The United States, the sole possessor of the bomb bestrides the globe with a navy, air force and army second to none and with the most productive machine ever seen by man—unscathed by a war that ravaged the rest of the world.

The bomb is everywhere. Not a country makes a move, not a conference is held but the atomic bombs threaten overhead. The bomb is the symbol of the power of American imperialism.

THE ATOMIC CONFERENCE

Last month Prime Minister Attlee, hat in hand, scurried to President Truman's call. William Lyon Mackenzie King, long accustomed to warming a seat in Washington corridors, was also invited into the proceedings. What secret agreements were arrived at behind White House doors we do not know. But this we do know. These are the three powers that supplied the materials and skills that shaped the atomic bomb. Canada long has been in the economic orbit of the United States. The years 1914 to '18 saw the decline of the British Lion. The years 1939 to '45 saw its further degeneration and this month saw its collapse into the embracing arms of America. On Dec. 6, war-enfeebled England after a hectic 12 weeks of negotiations yielded, in return for $4.4 billions loan, to U.S. demand for removal of her sterling area restrictions. International free trade rings the death knell of British industry and her disintegration as an imperialist power. American imperialism inherits the British Empire.

ATOMIC BLACKMAIL

The Washington Conference is the outcome of the collapse of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers. There the real relations between the Allied powers, which military necessity had compelled them to camouflage during the war, were laid bare.

In his victory address on Sept. 2, Stalin declared, "Now we can say that conditions for the peace of the world have already been won." This is as cynical a falsification as similar "peace" statements Stalin made after the signing of the Soviet-German Pact in 1939. The present imperialist peace has not diminished, let alone eliminated the sources of armed conflict in the world. It has instead immediately produced sharpened friction between the Anglo-American bloc and the Soviet Union.

The Anglo-American imperialists dread the extension of the Kremlin's power in Europe and Asia. The Washington conference was directed towards curbing and confining the threat of Soviet influence—by means of the atomic bomb.

At the conference the U.S., Canada and Britain agreed to maintain their monopoly on atomic force. When this agreement was announced Eisenhower told Congress that, "There never will be a war between Britain and the United States." He added, "Russia has not the slightest thing to gain by war with the United States."

THE ATOMIC BOMB AND UNO

They also agreed to vest world control of atomic force at an unspecified date in the United Nations Security Organization. Full control to the UNO to be accomplished by progressive stages, each succeeding stage demonstrating the feasibility of further spread of the information.

The Soviet Union unmentioned in the declaration nonetheless is the power which will in their words determine the feasibility of releasing atomic information to the UNO. The UNO will obtain more knowledge of the secret of the atom only in so far as the Anglo-American bloc's trust and confidence in the Soviet Union grows—only in so far as the Stalin bureaucracy submits to the pressure of American imperialism. Is the atomic bomb threat going to be used to destroy the state monopoly of foreign trade in the USSR—to destroy the nationalized economy—the sole remnants of the October revolution?

Will the United Nations ever see the secret of atomic power? There is only one condition under which American imperialism will divulge this weapon. The secret of the bomb will become the property of UNO only if American imperialism succeeds in transforming the UNO into the American World Government.

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MANAGER'S COLUMN

The event that overshadows all others in the Canadian labour movement is the Ford strike. At the time of writing this column it is still going on, therefore, it is fitting that we mention the role that **Labour Challenge** is playing in this most important action of the Canadian workers. Two thousand copies of the November issue of Labour Challenge were distributed at a mass meeting of the Ford Local 200 in Windsor. The paper featured the Ford strike and its headline read **"Windsor Auto Workers Urge Nation-Wide General Strike"**. Our supporters in Windsor report that **Labour Challenge** received a very favourable reception from the members of UAW-CIO, Local 200, who are carrying the fight of all labour.

Three hundred copies of the November issue of **Labour Challenge**, which also contained an analysis of the election results in the three provincial elections of October, were distributed to delegates and visitors at the Ontario CCF convention in Toronto. Our distributors report that the paper met a very good reception on the part of the delegates. One of our distributors told us that a couple of farmer delegates stopped to tell him that they agreed with the idea of a general strike in suport of the Ford workers and that they would send in subscriptions for the paper.

Our supporters and friends haven't forgotten to send in the subscriptions in spite of the fact that most of them are engaged in putting the campaign to make **Labour Challenge** a Twice-Monthly over the top. This month British Columbia gets special mention for sending in 26 subscriptions. They came from all over the province. Here is a breakdown:

Prince Rupert	10
Victoria	3
Magna Bay	3
Premier	3
Stewart	2

Kamloops, Port Hardy, Milnes Landing, Port Alberni and Nanaimo one each. Toronto led the east with 9 new subscriptions. Windsor sent in two. Quebec sent in one two-year subscription. Our friends in the Yukon never miss and came through this month with 5 subscriptions.

Our comrades and supporters in the east and on the prairies are going to have to step on it to catch up to the **Labour Challenge** builders on the other side of the mountains.

We received a number of interesting letters this month from readers. P. Hiebert of Saskatoon says, "I have been receiving **Labour Challenge** for three months now and it's a treat to be able to read some sensible articles." He also sends payment for a regular bundle and reports that **Labour Challenge** is beginning to reach into some of the farm areas of Saskatchewan.

E. Faulkner of Vancouver sends in a donation to the twice-monthly campaign and also orders a small bundle. We highly recommend this tried and tested method of building interest in **Labour Challenge** and getting subscriptions.

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S. G. W. F. CONVENTION

Vancouver. — Stalinist rule-or-ruin tactics ran roughshod over rank and file opposition at the recent convention of the Shipyard Workers General Federation held here Oct. 22-24. Only on the issue of indefinite postponement of the convention or for "five or six days" proposed by the table officers as late as Oct. 17th, were the protests of progressive locals headed by Prince Rupert able to stop the reckless, bureaucratic machine.

The principal issue before the convention was the appeal of the deposed officers of Victoria Boilermakers Local No. 2 on behalf of the majority of the local membership. Despite strong opposition, which kept the issue before the convention for two days, the Stalinist Federation officers used their mechanical majority reforms, the Victoria membership considered its action in withdrawing per capita tax justified.

Once again at the convention, the bankruptcy of the Stalinist **Main Deck** was exposed and linked directly with the policies of the LPP.

The Federation officials seized hold of the pretext that the union's decision to withhold per-capita tax had lacked the two-thirds vote required by the constitution. They stepped in and deposed four of the local's executive, reconstituted the local from a small section of the members in other headquarters and with records and files stealthily removed from Cardwell's office. Court action, instituted by the Stalinists, recently resulted in a ruling in favor of the local's officers.

The Stalinists refused to con-

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Campaign for Twice-Monthly Passes Half-Way Mark

Since last month's report, which was the first on our campaign for a twice a month **Labour Challenge**, we have almost doubled our cash receipts and are well on our way to reaching the $1,000 objective.

Windsor, which has been spotlighted for the past three months as labour's main theatre of action, heads the list on the **Labour Challenge** scoreboard. Windsor labour leads the struggle for union security across Canada. Windsor friends of **Labour Challenge** hold first place in the campaign for **Labour Challenge** security with 180% of their objective paid up.

Montreal must be chagrined by its drop to second place which it cockily grabbed at the breakaway. In the last letter we received from them they ridiculed Toronto's rattle pace. But everything is relative, my friends. Windsor said nothing but just took over. Montreal will have to go some to pass Windsor which promises to go even higher.

Toronto has now realized 56% of its objective. The local campaign director reports that the Sunday mobilizations for contacting friends for financial support have been quite successful. The pledges which many comrades have made are being collected and he is confident that the next two or three weeks will see Toronto over the top.

We have received a number of donations from our loyal friends in British Columbia. Every mail brings in funds and enthusiastic praise for the fine work the monthly **Labour Challenge** is doing. Wait until they see the twice-monthly. One of our Vancouver friends has now remitted his second donation and promises his third before the end of the month. Support like this must warm the editor's heart. This month, Hazelton, Premier, Milnes Landing, New Westminster, Fort Kells, and other points scored and all are recorded under Vancouver.

Our Vancouver comrades sent us in the mail recently copies of a very fine appeal for support to the drive and a collection sheet they are circulating. We don't doubt that this sheet has mobilized effective support. We can hardly wait until they are called in and we tally up their score.

Ottawa remains a dark horse. It is still any man's race but they had better breakaway soon. Windsor has a terrific head start.

Saskatchewan has upped its score again this month, Saskatoon coming through with $4.10. Wiseton's trips to Saskatoon are bearing fruit.

Prince Rupert got out the zero group this month with an $8 cheque. This gives them 16% to put them just one point ahead of their nearest rival, Vancouver.

Alberta forces us to make more room on the board. Moon Lake starts Alberta off with $10. This new entry in the field shows lots of promise. It makes us wonder now where Manitoba figures in and also the Maritimes. We will know next month.

The campaign closes its books on January 1, 1946. This means we have one month left to raise the remainder of our objective. One month to assure the appearance of the Twice-Monthly.

The Manager's Column reports a mass distribution of **Labour Challenge** to the Ford picket line. Our press has been the only one in Canada that has consistently fought a clear cut uncompromising struggle against the Ford Empire and their government lackeys. It requires little imagination to realize the aid that a twice-monthly **Labour Challenge** could have given the Ford strikers.

While the brass hats and the bourgeois diplomats celebrated the October revolution at the heavily laden tables in the Soviet embassies and while the Dean of Canterbury and all the new found friends sing paeans to Stalin and the bureaucracy **Labour Challenge** alone hailed the revolutionary traditions of October, remains true to the principles of revolutionary Marxism.

THE SCOREBOARD

	Quota	Paid	%
Windsor	$ 25	$ 45	180
Montreal	150	175	117
Toronto	500	291.28	58
Saskatchewan	25	9.10	36
Prince Rupert	50	8	16
Vancouver	200	30	15
Alberta	0	10	0
Ottawa	50	0	0
Totals	1,000	568.38	56

Standing as of December 1, 1945

Across the border 250,000 workers have struck to defend union rights and win a 30% increase. The United Steelworkers are about to follow them.

In Java and Indo-China the colonial peoples are carrying on a heroic struggle against the entire imperialist world for independence. India girds for the fight. Everywhere the oppressed masses of the world face the new year with hope and confidence.

Let us greet the New Year with the answer to the crying need—$1,000 to make **Labour Challenge** a twice-monthly.

STOP PRESS NEWS !

As we go to print, here is the last minute news on the twice-monthly campaign:

Latest mail delivery brings a cheque from Ottawa for the full amount of their quota! Prince Rupert sends in a money order for $42 to put them in the 100% class.

Two CCF clubs, one in the east and one in the west, send in cheques.

Let's see how much we can go over the national quota!

SUPPORT THE DRIVE FOR A TWICE-MONTHLY

Send contributions to Murray Dawson, Business Mgr., Labour Challenge, Box 415, Toronto 1, Ontario.